



NDAD

helping others to help themselves

2022 Annual Report

Our Purpose

NDAD (the North Dakota Association for the Disabled) is a nonprofit, charitable organization that assists people with disabilities in North Dakota. Our mission is to enhance the quality of lives of individuals facing health challenges.

Who We Help

Here are a few of the many people who shared their NDAD story with us:



Josiah - Steele

His condition: Autism

How NDAD helped: Medical travel expenses to OT/PT and speech therapy.



Audrianna, Kayden & Charleigh - W. Fargo

Their condition: Behavioral Health issues

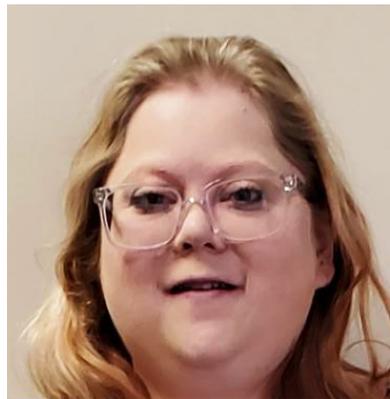
How NDAD helped: Respite care due to behavioral health needs.



Gary - Grand Forks

His condition: Diabetes, charcot foot and toe amputation

How NDAD helped: Purchased scooter lift for independence.



Andrea - Minot

Her condition: Diabetes, Cardiomyopathy

How NDAD helped: Medical travel expenses and medical supplies.



Kenneth - Ellendale

His condition: End Stage Renal Disease

How NDAD helped: Fuel assistance for monthly dialysis travel and prescription assistance.



Teresa - Williston

Her condition: Knee Replacement

How NDAD helped: Borrowed equipment through our Healthcare Equipment Loan Program (HELP)



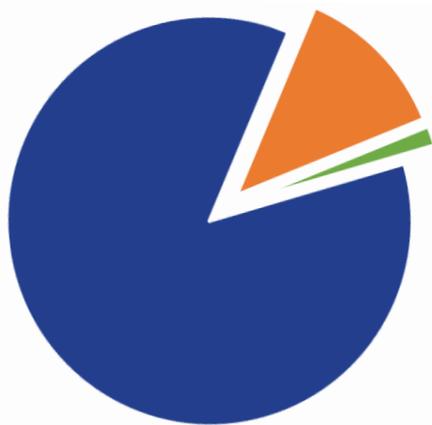
Programs Provided

- Direct Financial Assistance
 - Healthcare Equipment Loan Program
 - Adaptive recreational events and activities
 - Community fundraising projects
 - Organ Transplant Fund
 - Information, referral and advocacy
 - Crisis residential services
 - Transitional living services
 - Housing for people with serious mental illness who are in need of supportive services
- To read more about these programs, visit ndad.org.

2022 At a Glance

- 4,436 pieces of medical equipment loaned, saving North Dakotans over \$569,882
- 3,906 prescriptions filled
- 2,885 medical trips funded
- 235 pieces of medical equipment and 436 medical supplies purchases
- 196 wheelchair-accessible van loans made to 89 individuals
- 18 grants, totaling \$141,068 awarded to organizations to assist individuals with disabilities
- 5,136 accessible rides funded
- 27 people assisted with short term crisis stabilization
- 7 people with serious mental illnesses provided with supportive services to remain independent
- 39 people with a behavioral health diagnoses assisted with medication monitoring
- 34,743 interactions made, such as phone calls, emails, and other communication

How We Spend Our Money



- 84.6%: Program Services
\$2,083,843
- 13.7%: Management and General
\$337,383
- 1.7%: Fundraising
\$44,734

**Information based on 2021 fiscal year*

HB 1497
House Judiciary Committee
Submitted by Don Santer for NDAD
January 30, 2023

Chairman Klemin and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding the charitable gaming industry of North Dakota. I am submitting testimony in opposition of House Bill 1497.

My name is Don Santer, I represent North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD). NDAD is a North Dakota charity that for over 47 years has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities. NDAD is a statewide organization and uses the charitable gaming funds it generates to provide services to every corner of North Dakota.

House Bill 1497 will have the effect of obstructing and ultimately damage NDAD's charitable gaming operations in ND. The collateral damage of this bill could result in killing some other charities who's gaming operations would be eliminated by this bill.

- This bill is designed to provide an avenue for anti-charitable gaming parties another chance to hinder or outright eliminate charitable gaming in North Dakota.
- This anti-business bill reduces the number of sites an organization may have by 60%. This is a clear attempt to curtail free market opportunities and employ socialistic policies. The obvious message this bill is meant to convey is charities are not real businesses and the state of North Dakota will penalize and restrict organizations within the charitable gaming industry that threaten that perception.
- As statewide organization, NDAD has offices in multiple cities across the state. We operate gaming in most of those cities to support our services. Many of those cities have site number limitations already in place for their jurisdictions. Dramatically reducing the total number of sites per organization takes locations and opportunities away from successful charities. This is an attempt to provide sites for "late to the game" organizations or those trying to get a bigger "share". This is poor policy making and ultimately leads to the weakening of an industry. This bill will decrease NDAD's ability to provide the necessary funding for the services it provides across the state.
- This bill will serve to reduce the current number of gaming sites operated by NDAD. It mandates cities/counties are only to approve gaming site authorizations for "alcoholic beverage establishments". House Bill 1497 with its companion bill, SB 2304's definition, would eliminate restaurant bars, rural café/bars and result in a loss of existing sites for NDAD. This type of legislation is a thinly veiled attempt to decrease etab machines by significantly reducing the number of existing gaming locations available for charitable gaming.
- This bill also mandates a limit of 10 etab machines per gaming site. This limitation has been in regulation since the inception of etabs. It tends to reason the main objective was to yet again provide charitable gaming opponents an opportunity to request an amended lower machine limit and reduce charitable earnings. If one

looks at the records you will find this has been attempted through multiple bills in two prior legislative sessions and failed in all cases.

ND charitable gaming raised over **\$43 million** in taxes for the state of ND this past biennium most of which goes to the general fund. That averages to about \$10,000 in tax revenue generated per machine. A drastic reduction of gaming sites creates an even greater reduction in the number of etab machines and that will have a massive negative fiscal impact to tax revenue.

ND charitable gaming raised **\$73 million** this past fiscal year to be distributed in communities across the state. Reducing the total number of gaming sites and etab machines will have a colossal negative impact on charities' ability to provide important services in your own districts.

ND charitable gaming has methodically and responsibly grown over the past 40 years into a reputable industry benefitting nearly every city and county across this great state. North Dakota has developed a responsible and highly regulated system for charitable gaming to benefit charitable missions that serve your local communities. At best this bill will serve to severely hinder charitable gaming fundraising efforts and funnel what is left to a highly specified special interest. That is why NDAD is asking you to consider a **Do Not Pass** recommendation on **HB 1497**.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Don Santer, NDAD