

Enhancing Our Impact

2024 Annual Report

Our Purpose

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

Who We Help

Here are a few people from each of our regions who have shared their NDAD story with us. See all at ndad.org.



Kristi Dilger

(Bismarck)

Condition: Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

How NDAD helped:
Medical Equipment



Anne Compton

(Grand Forks)

Condition: Parkinson's Disease

How NDAD helped:
Community Fundraiser



Roger Wilson

(Dickinson)

Condition: Lymphoma

How NDAD helped:
Prescription Assistance
Medical Travel, Lodging



Lynette Deaver

Condition: Anxiety, Depression, Arthritis

Larry Hanson

Condition: Anxiety, Depression, Epilepsy (Minot)

How NDAD helped:
Paratransit Assistance



Greg Lane

(Fargo)

Condition: Diabetes, Chronic Kidney Disease, Coronary Artery Disease

How NDAD helped:
Prescription Assistance, Equipment, Paratransit Assistance



Geno Williams

(Williston)

Condition: Autism

How NDAD helped:
Adaptive Recreation Assistance

Community Impact

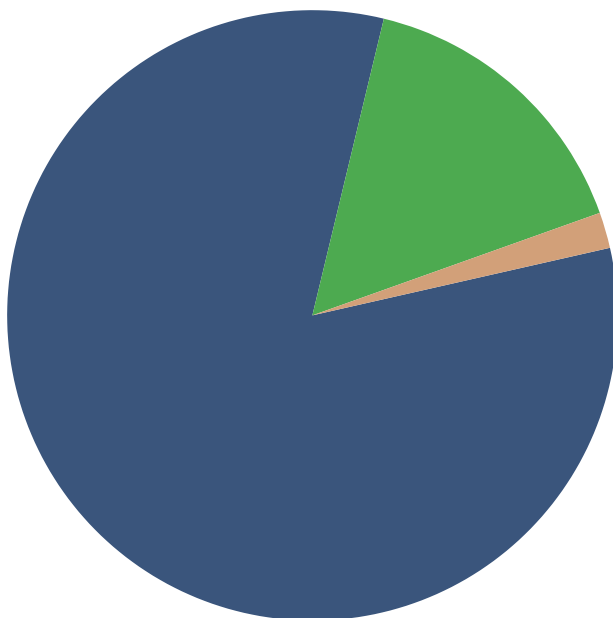
- Direct Financial Assistance
 - Prescription Medication
 - Medical Equipment & Supplies
 - Medical Travel
 - Accessibility & Paratransit
- Healthcare Equipment Loan Program
- Adaptive Recreation Events & Activities
- Community Fundraising Projects
- Organ Transplant Fund
- Information, Referral and Advocacy

To read more about these programs, visit ndad.org

2024 at a Glance

- Loaned **5,424 pieces of medical equipment** to **2,940 individuals** saving North Dakota residents **over \$664,040**
- **6,121 prescriptions** filled
- **2,134 medical trips** funded
- Purchased **328 pieces of medical equipment** and **567 medical supplies**
- **Wheelchair-accessible van loaned** to 126 individuals **for 246 trips.**
- Funds totaling **\$100,050 awarded to 24 organizations** to either assist individuals with disabilities or those otherwise at risk
- **8,049 accessible rides** funded for employment, shopping, and community events
- **4,465 hours** personal attendant care, respite care provided
- **50,665 interactions made**, such as phone calls, emails and other communication

Financial Impact*



82.4%

Program Services

\$2,235,103

15.8 %

Management & General

\$428,292

1.9%

Fundraising

\$53,248

Testimony for SB 2347
Senate Judiciary Committee
Provided by Don Santer, NDAD
02-05-2025

Chairperson Larson and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding the charitable gaming industry of North Dakota. My name is Don Santer, representing the North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD). For 50 years, NDAD has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities and health challenges across North Dakota.

NDAD is a non-profit, charitable organization serving individuals with health concerns and disabilities throughout the state from our six locations in Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, and Williston. In 2024, NDAD assisted thousands of North Dakota residents with more than **\$2.23 million** in services and resources that may have been otherwise unavailable to them. We work diligently to avoid duplicating services provided by other state or local entities, making us a crucial last resort for many individuals.

In 2024, NDAD funded most of its services through charitable gaming funds, which enabled us to make a significant impact on the lives of people with health challenges and their families:

- **6,121 prescriptions for covered medications:** Ensuring individuals have access to necessary medications to manage their health conditions.
- **2,134 out-of-town medical travel trips:** Providing transportation for essential medical appointments, reducing the burden on individuals and their families.
- **8,049 accessible rides for employment, shopping, and community events:** Facilitating independence and participation in daily activities.
- **24 organizations were awarded \$100,050 in funds to assist individuals with disabilities or those otherwise at risk:** Supporting other organizations in their efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities and health challenges.
- **328 pieces of medical equipment and 567 medical supplies purchased:** Ensuring individuals have the tools they need to manage their health and maintain their independence.
- **40-50 individuals assisted with adaptive recreational activities annually:** Promoting physical and mental well-being through inclusive recreational opportunities.
- **Healthcare Equipment Loan Program (HELP):** Serving several thousand households with 5,424 pieces of equipment, equating to a savings of more than \$664,000 for North Dakota residents.

Additionally, NDAD administers the North Dakota Transplant Fund and provides information, referral, and public awareness to North Dakota residents. Our mission is to serve the residents of North Dakota, and it is through charitable gaming that we are able to fulfill this mission. The services provided by NDAD are not just beneficial but essential for improving the lives of people with disabilities and health challenges. They offer the support needed to overcome barriers, achieve personal goals, and live fulfilling lives. By ensuring access to these services, we create a more inclusive and equitable society for everyone.

Representing NDAD's charitable gaming interests, we firmly oppose **SB 2347**.

A Brief History:

- 65th Legislative Assembly: SB 2221, relating to the compulsive gambling prevention and treatment fund and the regulation of historic horse racing, failed in the House (45-46) and reconsideration failed.
- 66th Legislative Assembly: HB 1443, relating to the regulation of historic horse racing, failed in the Senate (3-41).
- 67th Legislative Assembly: HB 1444, relating to the regulation of historic horse racing, failed in the House (10-83).
- 68th Legislative Assembly: We had a break from historic horse racing (HHR) legislation!!
- 69th Legislative Assembly: We are once again opposing HHR in SB 2347.

The charitable gaming industry has consistently opposed these bills for the following reasons: these machines have an unfair advantage, almost no restrictions, and not available for charitable gaming. If HHR machines were subject to the same restrictions as electronic pull tabs, NDAD would not be opposed.

Electronic Pull Tabs Restrictions:

- Limited to 10 machines per site.
- Maximum wager of \$2.00.
- No progressive jackpots.
- 40% of Adjusted Gross (after prizes are paid) must be used for charitable purposes.
- 12% tax on Adjusted Gross (after prizes are paid).
- Machines must stand alone per site - no interconnections to machines at other locations.
- Restricted from having video presentations that mimic classic slot machines.

Out-of-State Interests: The legislative campaign for this bill is driven by out-of-state interests and private parties, including Churchill Downs and its subsidiary's. This is another attempt by a large, private, for-profit international gambling company to create "horse race casinos" in North Dakota, disguised as support for North Dakota horse racing. This is a **massive expansion of gaming** in North Dakota.

Please do not open the door to privatized, non-charitable gambling in North Dakota. I respectfully ask you to consider a **"Do Not Pass"** recommendation on SB 2347.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Don Santer,
North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD)