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Kevin Dvorak Receives Walt Odegaard Leadership Award

BISMARCK – Kevin J. Dvorak, president and CEO of the North Dakota Community Foundation, received the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (NDANO) Walt Odegaard Leadership Award June 1 during the Nonprofit Leadership Conference in Bismarck.

The Walt Odegaard Leadership Award is given to an individual with more than 15 years of leadership experience who has made a difference by strengthening North Dakota and its nonprofit sector through his or her long-term commitment to leadership, volunteerism and philanthropy.

Dvorak has served as president and CEO of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) for 21 years. Under his leadership, the organization has grown from an asset base of \$5 million to nearly \$70 million. He fully embraces the idea that all charitable giving is local, and that, with the right local leadership, any community is capable of supporting a healthy nonprofit sector.

In 1997, Dvorak and NDCF were asked by former Governor Ed Schafer to manage the nearly \$23 million in private donations given as a result of the devastating Red River Valley Flood. This was done with two staff members, hundreds of volunteers and donations by businesses of additional phone and other services to ensure 100 percent of the donations went to those affected by the flooding.

Dvorak was instrumental in crafting legislation that provides a 40 percent state tax credit for gifts to qualified North Dakota endowment funds. He has also served in leadership roles in many other nonprofit groups in North Dakota.

“Kevin has shown an incredible commitment to the nonprofit sector in North Dakota, and he believes in working to make North Dakota communities better,” says Tim Eissinger, NDANO president. “NDANO is pleased to recognize him for his accomplishments and dedication.”

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