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News from the Director's Desk

Champion REAP Alliance Members Receive Warm Welcome to Hettinger for 2004 Annual Meeting

Hettinger was host to the 2004 Champion REAP Annual Meeting February 17-19. The meeting kicked off with a one-day workshop presented by Ernesto Sirolli providing information about Enterprise Facilitation. 63 people attended the workshop, coming from all across ND.



Bob Kudrna, Adams Co. EDC Director arranged for a tour of local businesses and projects on the morning of the 18th followed by informational sessions, lunch and supper banquets, and a conference call from US Senator Byron Dorgan. Informational sessions continued through the morning of the 19th when the meeting ended with dinner and closing remarks by Don Frye, REAP Investment Board Chairman.



Internship Program Offers Support to Non-Profits

We have the solution for **non profit organizations** to the following:
Do you have projects or tasks that you do not have time to complete?
Are you looking for an easier way to recruit interns, coops and potential employees?
Internships4You is a unique intern recruitment service that will help you locate qualified candidates for internships or co-ops.

Whether you currently use interns, have considered using interns, or are interested in learning how interns can benefit your business, **Internships4You** is the solution for your intern recruitment needs. Even better, **nonprofit organizations**, are entitled to use **our basic services without spending any money**.

To learn more about our services, please visit:

<http://www.internships4you.com/employers/employerDocs.htm>

If you are interested in what we have to offer, please visit:

<http://www.internships4you.com/employers/register.php4> and be sure to include your nonprofit tax id in the registration form. You will then be sent a unique code and instructions on how to use it so that you receive our services free of charge.

Funding Opportunities

Funds for Family Farmers, Animals, and Organic Foods

[Horizon Organic Dairy Charitable Contributions Program](http://www.horizonorganic.com/about/corporate/index.html)
<http://www.horizonorganic.com/about/corporate/index.html>

The Horizon Organic Dairy Charitable Contributions Program supports nonprofit organizations that focus on issues that address the company's mission of respect for the environment, animal welfare, food safety, and health and nutritional needs. Support is provided to organizations that champion environmental education and preservation; family farmers and rural issues; animal welfare; and, organic research, education and promotion. The company provides cash contributions and donations of Horizon Organic products. Nonprofit organizations throughout the

United States are eligible to apply, although emphasis is placed on communities with company facilities. Requests for support may be submitted year-round. Visit the above website for application instructions.

Focus On Education, Children, Medical Issues, and the Arts

[Charles Lafitte Foundation](#)

<http://www.charleslafitte.org/>

The mission of the Charles Lafitte Foundation is to provide for and support inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others around them to lead healthy, satisfying, and enriched lives. Four distinct charitable programs are offered focusing on education, children's advocacy, medical issues and research, and the arts. Applications are accepted throughout the year from nonprofit organizations across the country. Visit the above website for more information.

Award Honors Outstanding Teachers

[USA TODAY: All-USA Teacher Team](#)

http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2002-11-04-allstars_x.htm

The annual All-USA Teacher Team, sponsored by USA TODAY, honors 20 outstanding teachers, including both individuals and instructional teams. Full-time, certified teachers and instructional teams actively teaching kindergarten to 12th grade at a public or private school in the United States or its territories, as well as Department of Defense schools overseas, are eligible for the award. Teachers must be nominated by someone willing to put in writing why the nominee is outstanding. Individual nominees must have at least four years of full-time teaching experience, counting the 2003-2004 school year. Each All-USA Teacher first team member will receive \$500, with the balance of the \$2,500 award going to the school. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 19, 2004. Visit the above website for more information and to access the nomination instructions.

Hunger, Literacy, Education, and Human Welfare Supported

[UPS Foundation](#)

<http://community.ups.com/community/philanthropy/main.html>

The UPS Foundation supports nonprofit organizations whose programs directly affect the quality of life in communities where UPS employees live and work. Major initiatives include support for programs targeting adult literacy and the distribution of prepared and perishable food. Support is also provided to national programs in the following areas: education, including academic research, family learning opportunities, school involvement projects, and programs to raise the level of academic instruction; and human welfare, including families and children in crisis, the economically/culturally disadvantaged, the physically/mentally challenged, community development, illiteracy, hunger, poverty, and homelessness. Applications are accepted year-round. Visit the above website for more information.

Funding Available for Credit Unions

[National Credit Union Foundation](#)

<http://www.ncuf.coop/>

The mission of the National Credit Union Foundation is to promote and improve consumer financial independence through credit unions. The Foundation provides grants to credit unions and related organizations for innovative development initiatives across the United States and internationally. The Foundation's grant making focus includes consumer access to credit unions; financial education for members of the public; savings and/or asset accumulation; and small credit union development. All credit unions are eligible to apply; as are state credit union associations, state credit union foundations and other system affiliates. Non-credit union organizations may apply for grant funding but must be able to clearly articulate how the project will impact credit unions and their members. Projects must involve partner organizations including other credit unions, state league and/or credit union foundations, community-based organizations, local nonprofits, churches, universities, local government entities and/or other groups with access and resources that will strengthen the project. Proposals will be accepted from February 15 to April 25, and July 15 to September 5, 2004.

Awards for Innovative K-12 Teaching Projects

[ING Unsung Heroes Awards](#)

The ING Unsung Heroes Awards are given to K-12 educators pioneering new methods and techniques that improve student learning. Educators are invited to submit applications describing projects they have initiated or have envisioned for the future. Applicants are judged on their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and ability to make a positive influence on the children they teach.

http://www.ing.com/us/about/connect/education/unsung_heroes.html

Funds to Protect Great Lakes Basin Habitats

Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund

The mission of the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund is to foster and support a vital, vibrant, effective grassroots sector working locally to protect aquatic habitats throughout the Great Lakes Basin. GLAHNF provides financial resources, shares information, and fosters communication between citizens and organizations working to protect aquatic habitats.

<http://www.glahabitat.org/>

Community Support from Fujifilm

Fujifilm Corporate Giving Program

The goal of the Fujifilm Corporate Giving Program is to enhance the quality of life for the residents in the communities where company employees live and work. Major facilities are located in California, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Texas. Contributions are made to specific projects or programs in the areas of education, environment, arts and culture, and health and human services.

<http://www.fujifilm.com/jsp/fuji/epartners/givingGuidelines.jsp?nav=2>

Nourishing Youth Baseball and Softball

Baseball Tomorrow Fund

The mission of Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, is to promote and enhance the growth of baseball in the United States, Canada and throughout the world by funding programs, fields and equipment purchases to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp

Community Support from Target

Target Stores Community Giving Program

The Target Stores Community Giving Program supports nonprofit organizations in the communities where the company's stores are located. There are currently stores in every state, with the exception of Alaska, Hawaii, and Vermont. The company's grants focus on the arts but includes much more.

http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/grant_guidelines.jhtml

Support for Education

Coca-Cola Foundation

The mission of the Coca-Cola Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the community and enhance individual opportunity through education. The Foundation supports educational programs primarily in the areas of higher education, classroom teaching and learning, and international education. Supported programs provide scholarships for aspiring students, encourage and motivate young people to stay in school, and foster cultural understanding.

http://www2.coca-cola.com/citizenship/foundation_guidelines.html

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration invites applications for funding under the **Technology Opportunities Program**. This program supports funding demonstrations of new telecommunications and information technology applications for the provision of educational, health care, or public information in the nation's public and nonprofit sectors. Approximately \$12.9 million is available for awards. Cost-sharing of up to 50 percent is required. Eligible are nonprofit entities, public sector organizations and state, local and tribal governments. Applications are due April 27, 2004. More information is available at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-3296.htm>

The Administration for Children and Families invites applications for projects to support Native American communities under the Social and **Economic Development Strategies** program. This program seeks to increase the number of grants to local community organizations and expand the number of partnerships among locally-based nonprofit organizations. Economic development activities should promote the physical, commercial, technological, industrial or agricultural capacities necessary for a sustainable local community. Eligible are Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities, Native communities and other faith- and community-based organizations. Approximately \$18 million in FY 2004 funding is expected to be available for 110-120 awards. Projects may range from 12-36 months in length. Cost-sharing of 20 percent is required. Applications are due April 23, 2004. More information is available at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-3654.htm>

In Need of News/Updates

I am in need of news to share in my weekly emails and to post on the ndalliancelink.com website. E-mail me at levery@gondtc.com

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- ✓ March 4, Rural Coalition Committee Conference Call
- ✓ March 9, CONAC REAP Board Monthly Mtg in Rugby
- ✓ March 9, SW REAP Board Monthly Mtg
- ✓ March 25, 1st Annual Technology Expo in Finley
- ✓ April 1, 5th Annual Enterprise & Rural Tourism Conference in Wishek, ND

Upcoming Training Opportunities

March	
3 & 4	Annual MCA Conference at Radisson Inn of Bismarck.
6	Resources for successful childcare programs, The Lantern Room in Jamestown.
8	Understand the profit & cash flow mechanism, Dickinson Chamber Office
9	Website Design for the do-it-yourselfer, SBDC Office in Fargo
9	ABC's of collecting and reporting sales tax, U of M in Fargo
9	Starting your own business, NW Tech in Moorhead
10	Mfcting for uncle sam, Entrepreneur Ctr in Fargo
11	Small business loan clinic, Bank of ND in Bismarck
11	Understand the profit & cash flow mechanism, Bank of ND in Bismarck
22	Understand the profit & cash flow mechanism, Eido Printing in Mott
25	Basic business start-up, Bank of ND in Bismarck
25	Where's the Cash?, Business Info Ctr in Fargo
April	
8	Small business loan clinic, Bank of ND in Bismarck
8	Improving profit & cash flow performance using income approach, Bank of ND in Bismarck
12	Improving profit & cash flow performance using income approach, Dickinson Chamber Office
21	Lean manufacturing 101, Seven Seas Inn of Bismarck
22	Basic business start-up, Bank of ND in Bismarck
23	Employee Fraud: Consequences and Prevention, U of M in Fargo
23	Employee Fraud: Consequences and Prevention, Rural Tech Ctr, of Grand Forks
26	Improving profit & cash flow performance using income approach

24	Increasing business performance using cost control, Eido Printing in Mott
27	Basic business start-up, Bank of ND in Bismarck

Current and Ongoing Projects

- ✓ NDalliancelink.com maintenance and updating
- ✓ Alliance Link Newsletter (July 2004)
- ✓ ND Leadership Capacity Building in Designated Areas
- ✓ Rural Coalition Development

Links

SBDC <http://www.ndsbdc.org>

E-Commerce Guide <http://sbdnet.utsa.edu/SBIC/e-com.htm>

Biz Pathways <http://nd.bizpathways.org/Bizpathways/Index.aspx>

SBA <http://www.sba.gov>

Fundsnet <http://www.fundsnet services.com/>

Philanthropy News Digest <http://fdncenter.org/pnd/>

The Grantsmanship Center <http://www.tgci.com/>

DUNS Number Information http://www.dnb.com/US/duns_update/index.html

Rural Leadership ND <http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/rlnd/>