

South Dakota Philanthropy Conference



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Success Stories Panel



Shalyn Hawley - Faith Area Community Foundation

Shalyn was born and raised in Faith. She and her husband moved back to her family's ranch in 2016 30 miles northwest of Faith. She is currently the Deputy Finance Officer for the City of Faith. Shalyn wanted to start the Faith Area Community Foundation because she loves their community. It is a great place to live and raise a family. A CSA seemed like a way to help the area continue to be a great place to live and work. Their CSA is fairly new, but to date each event we have done has been memorable because it has been part of the journey to reaching our goal. Everyone in the community is willing to lend a helping hand and there is a great sense of community in Faith.



Sandi Jaspers - Sisseton Area Community Foundation

Sandi is originally from rural Sioux Falls and moved to Sisseton in 1986 with her family. She worked part-time for the local weekly newspaper, The Sisseton Courier, and as Executive Director of the Sisseton Economic Development Corp. and Sisseton Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she has served on the Sisseton Arts Council board for over 25 years.

She has been a part of the local Community Foundation board since its inception in 2002. Her most memorable success with was their Foundation's "South Dakota Day of Giving" Campaign last year. The results were greater than they expected, raising over \$16,000. Sandi's favorite part of Sisseton is the area's landscape and diversity of people.



Paula Jensen - Langford Community Foundation

Paula is originally from Langford where she and her husband have owned and operated an auto repair business for the past 25 years. Paula was a co-founder of the Langford Area Community Foundation in 2008 and says it has been one of the best efforts for their community because it is all about the future. Her proudest moment was when her 8-year-old son gave \$100 of his birthday money to help Langford Community Foundation meet their initial challenge goal and then asked his uncles to match his gift, raising a total of \$500.

Her greatest sense of accomplishment was receiving the \$25,000 matching grant from SDCF. She said it felt like they were saying we are not giving up on our community. Paula says Langford lives like one big family. Their community comes together, works collaboratively and invests liberally to make things they want to see done, get done.



Heath Johnson-Aberdeen Area Community Foundation

Heath is originally from Aberdeen. He's been a commercial real estate broker with Dakota Plains Commercial Real Estate for about 17 years. Heath joined the Aberdeen Area Community Foundation as a natural extension of the other work and board service he's involved in.

The most memorable part of serving on the board for him is seeing the smaller but more impactful grants their CSA is able to provide, specifically to the Salvation Army to help supply meals to kids. Heath thinks Aberdeen is a great community because it's not too big that one person can't move the needle towards real change. It's also not too small that you can't rely on others to help you make those changes.

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