

Congratulations

TO THE 2025 WINGS GRANT RECIPIENTS



WINGS awarded \$115,000 in this year's grant cycle.
WINGS has granted \$1,645,087 to date.

Annual Grants

Healthy Community Initiative (HCI)

\$5,000

Northfield YouthBank: YouthBank is a youth-led grantmaking initiative supporting projects that improve the community youth are connected to. YouthBank is a process and way of working with youth: supporting and training while promoting essential life and job skill development. Run by young people for young people, YouthBank transfers power, allowing youth to decide how money is awarded to best benefit the community.

Area Learning Center

\$1,500

Backpack Food Program: This program was started by students at the ALC in 2010. Each week students fill and deliver bags of food to local schools to be given to families in need. Over 400 bags are delivered each year.

Project Friendship

\$1,500

Guiding the Way: College Mentors for Youth Empowerment: Project Friendship envisions a community in which every youth experiences nurturing one-to-one relationships and community support, which in turn allows each of them to develop into their full potential, capable of making informed, responsible decisions as involved members of our community.

Dakota Prairie Basic Adult Education

\$3,000

ABE Classroom Cupboard: The Classroom Cupboard provides free, nutritious snacks to adult learners working to improve their English or earn a GED. Many attend class after long shifts, and hunger can be a major barrier to learning. By ensuring students (most of whom are parents) have access to food, this initiative helps them stay focused on their education while supporting their families success.

Ruth's House of Hope

\$7,000

Strengthening Recovery: Funding a Dedicated Case Manager for Lasting Impact: A WINGS grant will support funding for a dedicated case manager at Sarah's House to enhance resident service, support and recovery. This support and advocacy empowers individuals on their recovery journeys and provides essential resources for vulnerable women and children in our community..

Northfield Union of Youth

\$5,750

Mental Health Outreach, Planned Activities: NUY's mental health outreach includes planned activities that creatively respond to the needs of youth in Northfield, especially those who feel disconnected from their family, schoolmates, and/or community. A wide range of activities prioritize inclusion while also facilitating structured peer support opportunities. Outings are geared to be engaging and therapeutic while also resonating with the youth served..

Community Action Center (CAC)

\$10,000

Diaper and Hygiene Bank: CAC distributes hygiene products and diapers through its two Northfield food shelves. Since 2023 CAC's diaper/hygiene operation sextupled in size: from 54,000 to 350,000 diapers a year.

The program grew because CAC leveraged WINGS funding into recognition from the MN Diaper Bank and the National Diaper Bank Network. These partners then provided additional free and low-cost diapers.

Northfield Youth Sport Collaborative (NYSC)

\$9,000

SY25-26 Youth Sports Scholarships: Northfield Youth Sports Collaborative (NYSC) provides scholarships to Northfield youth who otherwise are unable to participate in local sporting activities because of the financial burden and limited resources available to their families. For the 2025-26 school year NYSC plans to award 175-300 scholarships, with the exact number dependent on the amount of revenue secured for the program.

Community Action Center (CAC)

\$15,000

Housing Stability Fund: The Community Action Center's (CAC) housing stability program prevents evictions and homelessness through: direct financial support, applications for state and county financial support, and placements in CAC's emergency shelter units and/or CAC-owned apartments.

Hope Center

\$5,000

Continuing HOPE: This funding will resupply emergency funds for clients, safe housing, security cameras, lock changes, unforeseen car repairs, etc. The goal is to reduce financial barriers to seeking safety.

TORCH at Healthy Community Initiative (HCI)

\$5,000

Youth Mental Health and Community Building: The goal of grant programming will be to provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for young people, especially those from low income families and mixed immigration backgrounds, to allow them to simply be kids! Students are often stressed with family responsibilities on top of school work, and these funds will help youth decompress and feel a strong sense of community.

Healthy Community Initiative (HCI)

\$7,500

Higher Education Empowerment in Recovery (HEER): The Higher Education Empowerment in Recovery (HEER) program at the Northfield Community College Collaborative supports women in recovery as they navigate the post-secondary landscape. Offering tuition assistance and vital wraparound support, this program aids a subset of our community that often requires additional support but is frequently overlooked or forgotten.

Northfield Public Schools

\$4,750

Camp FRIENDS (Fun, Recreational and Inclusive Experience Necessary During the Summer): Camp FRIENDS will provide social, recreational and educational programming for students completing 9th grade through age 22 with disabilities. This program will be integrated by identifying Best Buddies to also attend the program and go on field trips. Students with disabilities will earn .5 credit by attending the program. The camp will be offered weekly from June 11 - August 6.

Healthy Community Initiative (HCI)

\$10,000

Supporting Early Learning Efforts in Northfield: Growing Up Healthy navigators assist under-resourced families with early learning support in preschool and elementary school. They guide families toward preschool registration, early childhood health screenings, and affordable childcare; connect families to needed resources like food access, housing, transportation, healthcare, and mental health services; and work as a conduit between schools and families to increase elementary school attendance rates.

2025 Dare to Dream Grant

Community Action Center (CAC)

\$25,000

Domestic Violence Prevention Partnership: The Community Action Center (CAC) started offering DV-aware housing services in 2022. Last year CAC launched an ambitious and innovative partnership with HOPE Center, combining DV-specific and housing services under one program. The program has already helped around 80 Northfield women and children. Unfortunately, recent cuts to federal funding for DV programs have put its future in doubt.

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