

Award Winners

David Birkeland Memorial Award

- Dan Kirby (1993)
- Janice Nicolay (1994)
- Larry Ritz (1995)
- Marvin Bailin (1996)
- Gary Olson (1997)
- Doris L. Huseboe (1998)
- Charisse Oland (1999)
- Denise Moberly (2000)
- Rich Garry (2001)
- Bill Baker (2002)
- Dave Link (2003)
- Sue Brown (2004)
- David Rozenboom (2005)
- Dana Dykhouse (2006)
- Pam Hanneman (2007)
- Ron Moquist (2008)
- Rod Carlson (2009)
- Tom Simmons (2010)
- Scott Lawrence (2011)
- Carl Wynja (2012)
- Ken Stork (2013)
- Jim Wiederrich (2014)
- Fred Slunicka, Avera Health (2015)
- Miles Beacom, First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard (2016)
- Jeff Scherschligt, Howalt+McDowell Insurance (2017)
- Brenda Kibbe, Citi (2018)
- Jeff Strand, Eide Bailly LLP (2019)
- Marie Fredrickson, U.S. Bank (2020)
- Catherine Forsch, South Dakota Historical Society Foundation (2021)

Larry Oppold Memorial Award

- Arlene Thoms, Timothy's House of Hope (1994)
- Barbara Carol Palmer, Family Service (1995)
- Carolyn Downs, The Banquet (1996)
- Marlene Weires, Children's Inn (1997)
- Dave Loving, Children's Home Society (1998)
- Jerry Bomhoff, Community Outreach (1999)
- Eileen Van Soest, Sioux Vocational Services (2000)
- Susan Brucklacher, Heartland House (2001)
- Art War Bonnet, American Indian Services (2002)
- Qadir Aware, Multi-Cultural Center (2003)
- Thomas Walsh, Lutheran Social Services (2004)
- Janet Kittams Lally, HELP!Line Center (2005)
- Marcia VanGinkel, Furniture Mission (2006)
- Mel Harrington, Lutheran Social Services (2007)
- Wendy Giebink, Homeless Education Liaison, Sioux Falls School District (2008)
- Hugh Grogan, Minnehaha County Human Services (2009)

- Anne Rieck McFarland, SD Achieve (2010)
- Nancy Hansen, SF Area Literacy Council (2011)
- Betty Oldenkamp, Lutheran Social Services (2012)
- Aaron Wimmer, Family Visitation Center (2013)
- Chris Nelson, Volunteers of America, Dakotas (2014)
- Polly Dean, The New Colossus (2015)
- Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing & Redevelopment Commission (2016)
- Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen, Lutheran Social Services (2017)
- Stephanie Monroe, Volunteers of America, Dakotas (2018)
- Michelle Trent, The Compass Center (2019)
- Cindy Dannenbring, Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (2020)
- Julie Becker, St. Francis House (2021)

Helen E. (Oppold) Blair Award

- Kayleen Nickel, Bright Start Nurse Home Visitation Program (2005)
- Vicki Burger, Child Protection Services (2006)
- Jonathan Carda, Sioux Falls Police Department, School Resource Officer (2007)
- Erin Baker-Daggett, Children's Inn (2008)
- Sheryl Barnett, Volunteers of America-Dakotas (2009)
- Judge Gene Paul Kean (2009)
- Colleen Brazil, Child's Voice (2010)
- Sean Kooistra, SF Police Department (2011)
- Pam Tiede, Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office (2012)
- Amy Benda & Jean Layton, Sioux Falls Area CASA (2013)
- Joan Neilan, Volunteers of America, Dakotas (2014)
- Julie Ordal, Bright Start (2015)
- Carolynn Stavenger, Children's Inn & Sioux Falls Area CASA (2016)
- Diane Bauch, Sioux Falls Area CASA (2017)
- Dr. Nancy Free, Child's Voice (2018)
- Sue Williams, Children's Home Society (2019)
- Blake Bennett, Children's Home Society (2020)
- Leslie Crevier, Child's Voice (2021)

Heart Club Philanthropist Award

- Herb Bowden (1993)
- Dr. Richard Friess (1994)
- Richard Cutler (1995)
- Les Scherschligt (1996)
- Jeff Scherschligt (1997)
- Dan Kirby (1998)
- Dave Christensen (1999)
- David Link (2000)
- Denny Sanford (2001)
- John Keilholz (2002)
- Karla Johnson (2003)
- John Morrell (2004)
- T. Denny Sanford (2005)
- Dan Kirby (2006)
- Ray Trankle (2007)
- Scott Lawrence (2008)
- Dick Birath (2009)

- Larry Ritz (2010)
- Richard Bohy (2011)
- First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard (2012)
- Jon Soderholm (2013)
- Candy Hanson (2014)
- Dr. Daniel Heinemann (2015)
- CCC Information Services, Inc. (2016)
- Shelly Johnson (2017)
- Jay Huizenga (2018)
- Monie Siemonsma (2019)
- Smithfield (2020)
- Troy Holt (2021)

Volunteer of the Year Award

- Lonnie Arthur (1991)
- Laurie Arthur (1992)
- Wayne Steinhauer (1993)
- Illa Biteler (1994)
- Judy Meisinger (1995)
- Mary Frederick (1996)
- Scott & Frances Christensen (1997)
- Pam Hanneman (1998)
- Sharon Oliver (1999)
- Tim Murphy (2000)
- Stephanie Miller-Davis (2001)
- Deb Hayes (2002)
- Betty Ordal (2003)
- Deb Johnson (2004)
- Deb Thompson (2005)
- Carl Wynja (2006)
- Joel Sylvester & Brent Weiler (2007)
- Suzy Collignon-Hodgen (2008)
- Sue Aguilar (2009)
- Jeri Breck (2010)
- Bob Thimjon (2011)
- Tim Blotske (2012)
- Val Peters (2013)
- Mike Bitz (2014)
- Pam Hanneman (2015)
- Monie Siemonsma (2016)
- Kate Kotzea (2017)
- Chris Kray (2018)
- Bill Smith (2019)
- Joel Sylvester (2020)
- Krista May (2021)

Rich Garry Rookie of the Year

- Wayne Muth (2006)
- Dennis Beeman (2007)
- Tim Braithwaite (2008)
- Jill Nelson (2009)

- Aaron Knigge (2010)
- Mark Lee (2011)
- Melanie Schopp (2012)
- Janet Buckley (2013)
- Stacey Blatchford (2014)
- Susan Hasseler (2015)
- John Sites & Deb Hendrix (2016)
- Vicki Nelson (2017)
- Pamela Brinkman (2018)
- Chad Pederson (2019)
- Diamond Mowers (2020)
- Nancy Tapken (2021)

Brent Weiler Bulldog Award

- Tim Klein (2013)
- Joel Sylvester (2014)
- Tim Schut (2015)
- Jon Coyne (2016)
- Nicole Burns (2017)
- Ryan Heinemann (2018)
- Ray Peterson (2019)
- John Coulter (2020)
- Luke Tibbetts (2021)

Business of the Year Award

- Raven Industries (1995)
- Citibank (1996)
- First PREMIER Bank (1997)
- Norwest (1998)
- The First National Bank in Sioux Falls (1999)
- John Morrell & Co. (2000)
- Wells Fargo Financial Bank (2001)
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- (2003)
 - **1-100** First American Bank & Trust
 - **100-500** US Bank
 - **500 +** Sioux Valley Hospital & Health Systems Wells Fargo Financial Bank
- (2004)
 - **1-100** Metavante
 - **100-500** Youth Enrichment Services
Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society's National Campus
 - **500 +** Avera McKennan Hospital
Employees of the City of Sioux Falls
- (2005)
 - **1-100** Johnstone Supply
 - **100-500** Bell Incorporated
 - **500 +** Wells Fargo Financial Bank
- (2006)
 - **1-100** First Dakota National Bank

- **100-500** Gage Brothers
 - **500+** LodgeNet
- (2007)
 - **1-100** Architectural Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc.
 - **100-500** Great Western Bank
 - **500+** CIGNA Tel-Drug
- (2008)
 - **1-100** SDN Communications
 - **100-500** U.S. Bank
 - **500+** Sammons Financial Group
- (2009)
 - **1-100** CorTrust Bank
 - **100-500** Home Federal Bank
 - **500+** First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard
- (2010)
 - **1-100** Reliamax Insurance
 - **100-500** Midco Connections
 - **500+** John Morrell & Co.
- (2011)
 - **1-100** Pride Neon
 - **100-500** Scheels of Sioux Falls
 - **500+** Citi
- (2012)
 - **1-100** Johnstone Supply
 - **100-500** First National Bank in Sioux Falls
 - **500+** John Morrell & Company Sammons Financial Group
- (2013)
 - **1-100** Howalt+McDowell Insurance, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC Company
 - **100-500** Midwest Railcar Repair
 - **500+** First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard
- (2014)
 - **1-100** Lawrence & Schiller, Inc.
 - **100-500** First Bank & Trust
 - **500+** Citi
- (2015)
 - **1-100** RAS
 - **100-500** CAPITAL Services
 - **500+** Sammons Financial Group
- (2016)
 - **1-100** Northwestern Energy
 - **100-500** The First National Bank in Sioux Falls
 - **500+** MetaBank
- (2017)
 - **1-100** ReliaMax
 - **100-500** Five Star Call Centers
 - **500+** First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard
- (2018)

- **1-100** First Savings Bank
- **100-500** Journey Group
- **500+** Midco
- (2019) Spirit of Caring presented to top supporters in recognition of 25th consecutively successful campaign.
- (2020) Three awards, not based on employee size
 - Lloyd Companies
 - Plains Commerce Bank
 - Sioux Falls Ford
- (2021) Three awards, not based on employee size
 - Diamond Mowers
 - Furniture Mart USA
 - Sanford Health