

Award Winners | Thank You Event

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David Birkeland Memorial Award

Mark Millage (2024)
Randy Knecht (2023)
Chuck Hendrickson (2022)
Catherine Forsch (2021)
Marie Fredrickson (2020)
Jeff Strand (2019)
Brenda Kibbe (2018)
Jeff Scherschligt (2017)
Miles Beacom (2016)
Fred Slunecka (2015)

Jim Wiederrich (2014)
Ken Stork (2013)
Carl Wynja (2012)
Scott Lawrence (2011)
Tom Simmons (2010)
Rod Carlson (2009)
Ron Moquist (2008)
Pam Hanneman (2007)
Dana Dykhouse (2006)
David Rozenboom (2005)
Sue Brown (2004)

Dave Link (2003)
Bill Baker (2002)
Rich Garry (2001)
Denise Moberly (2000)
Charisse Oland (1999)
Doris L. Huseboe (1998)
Gary Olson (1997)
Marvin Bailin (1996)
Larry Ritz (1995)
Janice Nicolay (1994)
Dan Kirby (1993)

Larry Oppold Memorial Award

Cathy Kellogg (2024)
Nathan Stallinga (2023)
Robin Prunty (2022)
Julie Becker (2021)
Cindy Dannenbring (2020)
Michelle Trent (2019)
Stephanie Monroe (2018)
Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen (2017)
Shireen Ranschau (2016)
Polly Dean (2015)
Chris Nelson (2014)

Aaron Wimmer (2013)
Betty Oldenkamp (2012)
Nancy Hansen (2011)
Anne Rieck McFarland (2010)
Hugh Grogan (2009)
Wendy Giebink (2008)
Mel Harrington (2007)
Marcia VanGinkel (2006)
Janet Kittams Lally (2005)
Thomas Walsh (2004)
Qadir Aware (2003)

Art War Bonnet (2002)
Susan Brucklacher (2001)
Eileen Van Soest (2000)
Jerry Bomhoff (1999)
Dave Loving (1998)
Marlene Weires (1997)
Carolyn Downs (1996)
Barbara Carol Palmer (1995)
Arlene Thoms (1994)

Helen E. (Oppold) Blair Award

Stacey Tieszen (2024)
Carol Woltjer (2023)
Amy Carter (2022)
Leslie Crevier (2021)
Blake Bennett (2020)
Sue Williams (2019)
Dr. Nancy Free (2018)
Diane Bauch (2017)

Carolynn Stavenger (2016)
Julie Ordal (2015)
Joan Neilan (2014)
Amy Benda & Jean Layton (2013)
Pam Tiede (2012)
Sean Kooistra (2011)
Colleen Brazil (2010)
Judge Gene Paul Kean (2009)

Sheryl Barnett (2009)
Erin Baker-Daggett (2008)
Jonathan Carda (2007)
Vicki Burger (2006)
Kayleen Nickel (2005)

Rich Garry Rookie of the Year Award

Hailey Srstka (2024)
Madeline Snyder (2023)
Jeremy Roemen (2022)
Nancy Tapken (2021)
Diamond Mowers (2020)
Chad Pederson (2019)
Pamela Brinkman (2018)

Vicki Nelson (2017)
John Sites & Deb Hendrix (2016)
Susan Hasseler (2015)
Stacey Blatchford (2014)
Janet Buckley (2013)
Melanie Schopp (2012)
Mark Lee (2011)

Aaron Knigge (2010)
Jill Nelson (2009)
Tim Braithwaite (2008)
Dennis Beeman (2007)
Wayne Muth (2006)

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Brent Weiler Bulldog Award (Campaign Volunteer of the Year)

Randy Dobberpuhl (2024)
Danielle McGrath (2023)
Ashley Janish (2022)
Luke Tibbetts (2021)
John Coulter (2020)

Ray Peterson (2019)
Ryan Heinemann (2018)
Nicole Burns (2017)
Jon Coyne (2016)
Tim Schut (2015)

Joel Sylvester (2014)
Tim Klein (2013)

Community Impact Volunteer of the Year Award

Adrienne McKeown (2024)

Volunteer United Volunteer of the Year Award

Melinda Lewing (2024)

Volunteer of the Year Award*

Rich Garry (2023)
Brenda Kibbe (2022)
Krista May (2021)
Joel Sylvester (2020)
Bill Smith (2019)
Chris Kray (2018)
Kate Kotzea (2017)
Monie Siemonsma (2016)
Pam Hanneman (2015)
Mike Bitz (2014)
Val Peters (2013)

Tim Blotske (2012)
Bob Thimjon (2011)
Jeri Breck (2010)
Sue Aguilar (2009)
Suzy Collignon-Hodgen (2008)
Joel Sylvester & Brent Weiler (2007)
Carl Wynja (2006)
Deb Thompson (2005)
Deb Johnson (2004)
Betty Ordal (2003)
Deb Hayes (2002)

Stephanie Miller-Davis (2001)
Tim Murphy (2000)
Sharon Oliver (1999)
Pam Hanneman (1998)
Scott & Frances Christensen (1997)
Mary Frederick (1996)
Judy Meisinger (1995)
Illa Biteler (1994)
Wayne Steinhauer (1993)
Laurie Arthur (1992)
Lonnie Arthur (1991)

Heart Club Philanthropist Award*

First International Bank & Trust (2023)
Tom Heller (2022)
Troy Holt (2021)
Smithfield (2020)
Monie Siemonsma (2019)
Jay Huizenga (2018)
Shelly Johnson (2017)
CCC Information Services, Inc. (2016)
Dr. Daniel Heinemann (2015)

Candy Hanson (2014)
Jon Soderholm (2013)
First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard (2012)
Richard Bohy (2011)
Larry Ritz (2010)
Dick Birath (2009)
Scott Lawrence (2008)
Ray Trankle (2007)
Dan Kirby (2006)
T. Denny Sanford (2005)
John Morrell (2004)

Karla Johnson (2003)
John Keilholz (2002)
T. Denny Sanford (2001)
David Link (2000)
Dave Christensen (1999)
Dan Kirby (1998)
Jeff Scherschligt (1997)
Les Scherschligt (1996)
Richard Cutler (1995)
Dr. Richard Friess (1994)
Herb Bowden (1993)

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Business of the Year Award

2024

- CAPITAL Services
- Midwest Railcar
- The First National Bank in Sioux Falls

2023

- Diamond Mowers
- Sanford Health
- Sioux Falls Ford Lincoln

2022

- Aerostar
- Dakota Vascular
- Journey Group

2021

- Diamond Mowers
- Furniture Mart USA
- Sanford Health

2020

- Lloyd Companies
- Plains Commerce Bank
- Sioux Falls Ford

2019: Spirit of Caring presented to top supporters in recognition of 25th consecutive successful campaign.

2018

- **1-100:** First Savings Bank
- **100-500:** Journey Group
- **500+:** Midco

2017

- **1-100:** ReliaMax
- **100-500:** Five Star Call Centers
- **500+:** First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard

2016

- **1-100:** Northwestern Energy
- **100-500:** The First National Bank in Sioux Falls
- **500+:** MetaBank

2015

- **1-100:** RAS
- **100-500:** CAPITAL Services
- **500+:** Sammons Financial Group

2014

- **1-100:** Lawrence & Schiller
- **100-500:** First Bank & Trust
- **500+:** Citi

2013

- **1-100:** Howalt+McDowell Insurance
- **100-500:** Midwest Railcar Repair
- **500+:** First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard

2012

- **1-100:** Johnstone Supply
- **100-500:** First National Bank in Sioux Falls
- **500+:** John Morrell & Company Sammons Financial Group

2011

- **1-100:** Pride Neon
- **100-500:** Scheels of Sioux Falls
- **500+:** Citi

2010

- **1-100:** Reliamax Insurance
- **100-500:** Midco Connections
- **500+:** John Morrell & Co.

2009

- **1-100:** CorTrust Bank
- **100-500:** Home Federal Bank
- **500+:** First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard

2008

- **1-100:** SDN Communications
- **100-500:** U.S. Bank
- **500+:** Sammons Financial Group

2007

- **1-100:** Architectural Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc.
- **100-500:** Great Western Bank
- **500+:** CIGNA Tel-Drug

2006

- **1-100:** First Dakota National Bank
- **100-500:** Gage Brothers
- **500+:** LodgeNet

2005

- **1-100:** Johnstone Supply
- **100-500:** Bell Incorporated
- **500+:** 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

2003

- **1-100:** First American Bank & Trust
- **100-500:** US Bank
- **500+:** Sioux Valley Hospital & Health Systems Wells Fargo Financial Bank

2002: John Morrell & Co.

2001: Wells Fargo Financial Bank

2000: John Morrell & Co.

1999: The First National Bank in Sioux Falls

1998: Norwest

1997: First PREMIER Bank

1996: Citibank

1995: Raven Industries