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NDYP and NDANO announce new partnership

Bismarck, N.D. – The North Dakota Young Professionals Network (NDYP) and North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations (NDANO) are pleased to announce a new partnership to promote and support increased involvement of the state’s young professionals with nonprofit organizations. The partnership’s first initiative is to connect NDANO member nonprofits seeking new board members with young professionals interested in getting more involved in their communities.

“This partnership with NDYP will expand the potential pool of board members for NDANO members and encourage young professionals to develop deeper connections with nonprofits through board service,” says Dana Schaar, NDANO executive director. “North Dakota nonprofits have expressed the need for new, fresh voices on their boards, and this partnership will better connect young professionals with nonprofits.”

“The NDYP is very excited about the opportunity to partner with NDANO,” says Aaron Hill, NDYP chairperson. This partnership provides a working example of NDYP’s goal to engage young professionals within their communities. Through this partnership, we can work towards achieving the same goal; connecting people to better our communities and ourselves. We look forward to using our combined resources to assist communities across the state of North Dakota.”

Founded in 1997, NDANO’s mission is strengthening member nonprofits, building community and enhancing quality of life. NDANO, a member of the National Council of Nonprofits, serves its members and the state nonprofit sector in four core service areas: public policy and advocacy; professional development, training and education; communication, information and research; and cost-saving programs. For more information, visit NDANO online at www.ndano.org

In July 2006, Governor Hoeven in collaboration with the Rural Development Council, hosted a statewide summit for young professionals. In response to the summit, Young Professionals (YP) organizations across the state united to form NDYP. Connecting Communities, Connecting You is the theme of NDYP, which can be seen in the 10 YP networks in the state. YP networks engage in social, professional development and service activities and there are more than 1,200 young professionals in North Dakota. Local YP networks use NDYP to share best practices, event speakers and mentor emerging networks. For more information about NDYP and to learn how to join, go to www.ndyp.net.