

BREAKING NEWS



Left to right Tom Minnery, Senior Vice President, Focus on the Family Action, James Kerian, NDFA Board President, and Tom Freier, NDFA Executive Director.

"In the four years we have been giving these awards, we've never been more proud of anyone than we've been with the accomplishments of Tom Freier and the North Dakota Family Alliance," said Tom Minnery, senior vice president of Focus on the Family Action. "They represent the very essence of grassroots involvement."

NDFA Receives Family Champion Award**Focus on the Family Action honors the North Dakota Family Alliance**

The North Dakota Family Alliance received the Family Champion Award at the Value Voters Summit in Washington DC. NDFA received the recognition for its successful efforts dealing with pro-family issues during the 2009 legislative session.

Focus on the Family Action annually honors state-based organizations for their work championing the family.

"We are humbled by this award, and fully recognize the deserved credit belongs to our Creator and the faithful people of North Dakota for their persistent grassroots effort", states Tom Freier, Executive Director of the North Dakota Family Alliance. "It is really a testament to what can be accomplished by a people who believe in a mission".

Focus Action recognized NDFA for its success in passing pro-life legislation and its efforts in defeating SB 2278, a bill which would have granted special protections based on sexual orientation.

*You can see the video of the presentation and acceptance by going to www.ndfa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Balancing Truth & Grace Conferences

A Christian Response To Homosexuality
October 14—16, 2009

If you are a parent, friend or loved one of someone living homosexually; a pastor, lay counselor or youth minister; or even someone advocating for pro-gay activities, you'll want to attend this conference. There will be an afternoon session for clergy and an evening session for the public.

At the conference, you'll hear from nationally known experts, Melissa Fryrear and Jeff Johnston, who have firsthand experience with the seldom-told side of the homosexual issue.

Some topics to be covered: understanding female and male homosexuality and how should Christians respond.

Come witness first-hand the type of love that will help you become a catalyst for extending grace and truth in the midst of the controversy.

*See back page for conference locations.

For more information about these upcoming events, go to our website at www.ndfa.org. You may also call us at 701-364-0676. **Save the dates!**

Focus on the Family® presents
FOCUS ON PARENTING™

Seeing your parenting journey
through the eyes of God simulcast
November 14, 2009

Looking for a unique *spiritual* perspective on raising godly kids? Don't miss Focus on Parenting—the premier parenting simulcast from Focus on the Family®!

*See back page for simulcast locations.

Celebrate Family Week

November 15—21, 2009

The North Dakota Family Alliance has requested and the governor has designated by proclamation November 15-21, 2009 as Family Week.

Please celebrate and help to promote the importance of family values in North Dakota by planning events focusing on the family and families spending time together.

*For more information on activities related to this event, go to the NDFA website.

Standing with the NDFA as a Financial Partner!!

First of all, let us share how much we appreciate your support of the North Dakota Family Alliance, giving us the ability to promote family values and protect our religious freedoms.

As you can see, God has blessed us with great success, and has laid out a plan to do even greater things. The world we live in demands our involvement, and requires our response to the threats facing our culture today. These issues important to the family are occurring at every level; local, state, and federal, and will impact the cultural legacy we leave our children and grandchildren.

As we implement a budget for fiscal year 2010, beginning on October 1st, we will seek God's will and then continue our policy of placing the highest priority on being good stewards of all funds so generously contributed. In that light, for NDFA to grow as that trusted voice impacting our cultural legacy, we have set a goal of raising \$150,000. We are asking you to prayerfully consider financially partnering with the NDFA.

Will you partner with us by making a financial commitment of support by stepping forward with a monthly/yearly commitment of \$ _____, or a one time contribution to this campaign? Please use the response form and mail with the enclosed envelope.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and continued support, and we consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you.

MEET A NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD



Reed Soderstrom

We would like to welcome Reed Soderstrom, from Minot as our newest board member. Reed, a practicing attorney, has been with the Pringle & Herigstad Law firm since 1990.

Reed's involvement in family value issues at the legislature stirred his interest in the NDFA, and eventually led to his serving on the board. When asked about the issue he is most passionate about, he responded "personally, saving marriages--lawyers can be instrumental in calming things down by having divorce clients take 10 deep breaths away from the tension at home, encouraging husbands and wives about the natural harmony that begins when we are able to put God first."

Reed has strong feelings about debunking the separation of church and state myth, and has a deep passion in regard to protecting the life of the unborn.

We are so pleased Reed stepped up to serve. When asked why others should become involved, he shared, "our country, locally and nationally, is desperate for men and women clothed in righteousness to lead in truth and humility".

Reed loves his wife Thora, 2 children, traveling, skiing, biking, hunting and fishing.

Welcome, Reed, you are definitely a keeper!

WELCOME SHERI CARRANZA



NDFA Welcomes Sheri Carranza as our new Office Manager.

Sheri Carranza spent a few years while her children were growing up listening to Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family. The program was a great encouragement to her as she strived to raise her children in a Godly Christian home. In 2000, Sheri and her children were able to view a live taping and tour Focus on the Family headquarters while on vacation in Colorado Springs. It was exciting to see Dr. Dobson in action.

Sheri has a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Sheri has nine years of experience working in administrative/office positions in two local churches here in Fargo. She served on the Executive Board of a local Christian women's organization for 3 years. Sheri is also very active in her local church and in doing mission work in Nicaragua.

Sheri and her husband, Raymond, live here in Fargo. Sheri is very excited about helping to carry out the

BALANCING TRUTH & GRACE CONFERENCES

October 14, 2009
Hope Covenant Church
1601 17th Ave S
Grand Forks, ND 58201

October 15, 2009
Calvary United Methodist Church
4575 45th St S
Fargo, ND 58104

October 16, 2009
First Evangelical Free Church
205 43rd Ave NE
Bismarck, ND 58503

FOCUS ON PARENTING™ SIMULCAST

New Song Church
3200 N 11th St
Bismarck, ND 58503

Bethel Lutheran Church
1616 S 17th St
Grand Forks, ND 58201

First Assembly of God
1805 2nd St
Minot, ND 58701

Johnson Corners Wesleyan Church
11024 Hwy 23
Watford City, ND 58854

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