

Family Week

The 'Celebrate Family Week' event designated by governor proclamation the week of November 18-24 as Family Week went very well. It was well received, and all the feedback received was very positive. We mailed the Family Week poster to every school, and over 1300 churches in the state. The remainder of the 5000 posters were distributed statewide. We wish to extend a great big thank you to those in the individual communities who volunteered to distribute those Family Week posters. We also wish to thank Kevin Pifer and his staff for the layout and printing of the posters.

I was able to meet with Gov. Hoeven to share an update on our efforts in regard to promoting the family week event, and he was very complimentary. I shared that the NDFA will definitely be looking to request the designation next year, and work even harder to promote the event and families.



NEW WEBSITE!

I hope all of you have had an opportunity to check out our NEW website at www.ndfa.org. Is there something you'd like to see? Tell us what you think and offer suggestions; there is a place at the bottom of the home page to give feedback.

The new site, in addition to being more appealing, will share current news articles and events. Please check back often as the news and events will change. Know of other events? Notify us at admin@ndfa.org and we'll consider listing them.

I wish to thank those who developed the site. Nick Tunheim of WebDesign NT volunteered his time and talents. WOW, what a contribution!!! And Lesli, with the NDFA staff, spent many hours providing information and offering an invaluable user's perspective. Thanks! Thanks!

Keep checking the website for the most up-to-date information on issues affecting ND families. Please direct your friends and family there as well.

FACE

THE FALL WITHOUT ALCOHOL

Friday, November 2

The Minot "Face the Fall without Alcohol" event was a great success. First Lady Mikey Hoeven addressed a parent's-only group, and then the combined group of parents and students. She delivered a great message, and we thank her for spending time with us.

We believe there were well over 250 parents and students in attendance. Great entertainment was provided as well as food, prizes, and games- all at no cost. Everyone had a great time.

We wish to thank the entire Minot local chapter, specifically the tireless efforts of Virginia Dohms and Arlene Castleman. Virginia's enthusiasm and energy kept everyone going, and how awesome of the Castlemans to share the use of their beautiful facility, the Sleep Inn. We also wish to thank the local Minot sponsors. Great job everyone!!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM NDFA

First and foremost, let me wish you a Merry Christmas during this 'most Holy Season.' A great thing happened 2000 years ago, and what a privilege it is to celebrate God sending His son to this earth. My wish is that you are able to celebrate the birth of Christ with all those you love, and that we all are able to radiate the love of Jesus to those around us.

Merry Christmas,
TOM

Budgets and Revenue - Impacting our Legacy

from the Executive Director

It is with a great deal of trepidation and hesitancy that we approach the topic of budgets and funding, especially at this time of the year. But it is because of whose birth we celebrate, and whose word is the foundation of our Christian based organization, that our organization's mission is so critical. For that mission to be achieved, our budget and funding needs to be addressed.

A common view of fundraising by some non-profits is one of—"we hate to ask for money." That view indicates a lack of passion, commitment, and belief in the mission. We can assure you that is not the case with the NDFA and our passionate commitment to the cause.

We realize there are many great causes which require our support, including churches and other community based organizations providing much needed services. In most cases there are very tangible products or services that can be seen. The products and services offered by the NDFA are less tangible. The impact we make on the society and our culture is not always seen or immediate.

A basic and fair question often asked is—"why should I financially support the NDFA?" There are two fundamental responses to this question. The first is to ask another question, "what would North Dakota lose if there were no NDFA?" The state would lose a trusted voice standing up for the family values we cherish so greatly. It would have lost the respected voice at the legislature, the victorious voice leading the marriage amendment initiative, and it would have lost the only state based, statewide Christian organization standing up for the issues of the family.

While this first response is important, and many may share for that reason, we believe the second is of even greater importance. We believe the work of the NDFA is critical to shaping and impacting our legacy. Each generation leaves a legacy. Whether we want to or not, we will leave a legacy. The question is, "what will that legacy be?" That legacy will include our mark on the cultural and societal issues of life, marriage, abstinence, pornography, and others important to you and the NDFA. Once again, "what will that legacy be?"

Some of us may have children, grandchildren, or even great-grandchildren, while others certainly have nephews and nieces. The generational legacy we leave will affect their lives for years to come. Do we not owe it to them and our Creator to do all in our power to address these issues, and truly impact our legacy?

Please consider sharing as you are able and led. Consider sharing this request with others who may wish to support this effort to impact our legacy.

On behalf of the NDFA board, God's Blessings to you and yours,



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Executive Director



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*Thank you to
all who
responded to
our September
Constituent
Survey!!*

UPCOMING EVENT!

**Watch for our January 13th joint
NDFA / Glen Schmidt Family Gospel Music
concert in Bismarck.**

Who We Are

The North Dakota Family Alliance (NDFFA) is a state based organization dedicated to strengthening and upholding traditional family values. NDFFA is a non-profit, non-denominational, non-partisan organization founded in 1987. We provide credible research and informational resources to groups, individuals and policy makers on important moral, social and public policy issues facing North Dakota.

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THE TRUTH PROJECT

The Truth Project

“Do you believe that what you believe is really real? Because if you really believe that what you believe is real, then Christians will change the world.” Del Tackett, the Truth Project

“A great study, a must study!” Tom Freier, North Dakota Family Alliance.

The fundamental problem we have today is that Christians have failed to see that scripture speaks to all areas of our lives. We have confined God to Sunday morning sermons and left Him out of the coffee shops, legislative halls, and for the most part—our daily lives and activities. The absence of our Christian Worldview voice does not mean that a worldview is not represented. Others have filled that vacuum by default, and most often is represented by those promoting the myth of separation of church and state.

To address this issue, Focus on the Family has developed The Truth Project. The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

The North Dakota Family Alliance will:

- help promote The Truth Project
- help identify trained Truth Project leaders
- help coordinate and facilitate the training of additional Truth Project leaders
- encourage and coordinate efforts enabling you the opportunity to participate in The Truth Project course study

It would be our hope that literally hundreds would participate as leaders and attendees during this upcoming year, and in the future, even more.

For more general information about our involvement or questions, please contact us here at the NDFFA at admin@ndfa.org or call 701-223-3575.

For more specific, detailed information about the program, go to <http://www.thetruthproject.org/>

By going to <http://www.thetruthproject.org/whatistruthproject/>, you will see a basic overview of what the project is about.

If you are Truth Project leader or have taken the course, and would consider leading the study in your community, please contact us by mail, phone, or email.



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Have You Been To Our NEW Website?



www.ndfa.org

Please give us your ideas on what you would like to see on the web.

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