



# SOUTH DAKOTA BANKS

**Make a Difference  
in Our Communities**

# South Dakota Banks Play a Vital Role in Our Communities

The South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA) annually surveys the state's banks on the ways they support their local communities. Responses were compiled from 35 of the SDBA's 72 member banks, ranging from the smallest of our community banks to large community and regional banks and credit card banks.

The following is just a glimpse of how South Dakota banks found creative ways to meet the needs of their communities during 2021.

South Dakota banks helped more than  
**64,000 SMALL BUSINESS CUSTOMERS**  
with more than  
**\$2.7 BILLION**  
in Paycheck Protection Program loans.

South Dakota bank employees volunteered **100,000 HOURS** with community organizations and donated **\$451 MILLION** in charitable contributions and grants.



South Dakota banks loaned and invested  
**\$516 MILLION**  
for housing and community development projects.



South Dakota banks donated  
**\$18 MILLION**  
in charitable contributions and grants.



Banks employed  
**9,830 PEOPLE**  
in South Dakota with an annual payroll of  
**\$712 MILLION.**



## Front Cover Photo

**MetaBank** employee Scott Elkins taught elementary students in Tea about financial literacy and economic empowerment as part of Junior Achievement.

**BankStar Financial** employees made flower bouquets and delivered them to nursing homes around the bank's area to brighten the residents' days during Community Banking Month.



**Black Hills Community Bank** employees logged more than 4,500 volunteer hours and donated \$31,000 to 35 different nonprofits in the Black Hills during 2021.



# South Dakota Bankers in Action

Banks and their employees are cornerstones of their communities, providing philanthropy and volunteer leadership that helps transform lives.

**CorTrust Bank** employees in Aberdeen helped pack 525 bags of food to be distributed throughout the community through a partnership with the Salvation Army.



**The First National Bank in Sioux Falls** organized several employee projects during National Volunteer Week, including landscaping and clean up work at Butterfly House.

**Pioneer Bank & Trust** employees pledged more than \$8,000 to the United Way, and the bank matched their pledges for a total of more than \$16,000 in 2021.



**Minnwest Bank** employees in Sioux Falls gathered household items for and volunteered with Furniture Mission, which assists those in need with gently-used items.

**First National Bank** employees in Huron participated in their local Day of Caring by pulling and spraying weeds in several locations around the city.



**Great Western Bank** awarded Call to Freedom a \$15,000 Making Life Great Grant to support a housing project in Sioux Falls for human trafficking survivors and their families.

**Reliabank** held its fifth annual Make-A-Wish golf tournament in Sioux Falls, in which 26 teams participated and raised more than \$6,000 to help fund a child's wish.



**Dakota Prairie Bank** presented a Fan of the Game award, chosen by bank employees, during the Jones County Invitational Basketball Tournament.

**BankNorth** employees helped build 10 beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which provides beds and mattresses to youth in the community who do not have beds of their own.

**Dacotah Bank** continued to grow its DacotahCares program, which allows each of its bank locations to direct funds to different organizations within their communities.

**Security First Bank** held its Feeding Hearts Food Drive, collecting thousands of pounds of food and cash donations. The bank also donated \$1,000 to Feeding South Dakota.



**First Interstate Bank** closed all of its branches one afternoon in September, and employees volunteered more than 400 hours with 22 different nonprofits.



**Wells Fargo Bank** sponsored a home with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls for an elementary special education teacher and her family.

**ONE AMERICAN BANK** employees decorated a Christmas tree with stuffed animals, hats, mittens, socks and blankets and then donated the items to Children's Home Society.



**First PREMIER Bank** supported nearly 700 local organizations, and the bank's employees volunteer an average of 30,000 hours annually.

**BankStar Financial** hosted children's entertainer Phil Baker at McCrory Gardens in Brookings, and bank employees greeted attendees and handed out fun gift bags.



**CorTrust Bank** employees pledged \$3 for three pointers to benefit Gayville-Volin School and presented a check for more than \$500 at the home opener game.

## The Following Banks Participated in the Banks Make a Difference Survey

- 1st Financial Bank USA
- Andes State Bank
- BankNorth
- BankStar Financial
- Black Hills Community Bank
- Bryant State Bank
- Citi
- Citizens State Bank
- Community Bank
- CorTrust Bank
- Dacotah Bank
- Dakota Prairie Bank
- Farmers State Bank, Hosmer
- Farmers State Bank, Turton
- First Bank & Trust
- First Fidelity Bank
- First Interstate Bank
- First National Bank
- First PREMIER Bank
- First State Bank of Roscoe
- FNBO
- Great Plains Bank
- Great Western Bank
- Heartland State Bank
- MetaBank, NA
- Minnwest Bank
- ONE AMERICAN BANK
- Pioneer Bank & Trust
- Premier Bank
- Quoin Financial Bank
- Reliabank
- Security First Bank
- The First National Bank in Sioux Falls
- U.S. Bank
- Wells Fargo Bank, NA



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