

People Helping People in Time of Need

NMB's motto shines through in 2016 member fundraising efforts



Philip, South Dakota

Branch 85—Last October, a fire burned through the Cottonwood area resulting in the tragic loss of livestock, land, fencing, and supplies. Land owned by 20 families was impacted. In total, over 41,000 acres of land was destroyed and a state of disaster emergency was declared for Jackson County. NMB members in the area assisted by planning and publicizing efforts to help, volunteering at a fundraising event, and using matching funds from the home office. The fundraiser included a barbecue that served over 1,000 people. All-in-all, over \$75,000 was disbursed between the 20 families. Fortunately, with the assistance from benefits, as well as relief funds, farmers in the area are getting things back on track. New fencing has been completed and low cattle prices helped with the purchase of replacement livestock. Those affected were humbled by how fast the community rallied around them to provide relief. Photos: A matching funds check was presented to the relief fund by NMB members Doug Hauk (left) and Matt Reedy. People wait in line for barbecue at the fundraising event.



Rosendale, Wisconsin

Branch 695—Scott and Holly Schwebke are both battling cancer. A pancake breakfast fundraiser was held including an all-you-can-eat breakfast and raffles. Over \$6,500 was raised, including matching funds from NMB, to help the family with their expenses during this difficult time. Photo: Branch Secretary Shirley Krueger (left) presents a matching funds check to Holly and Scott Schwebke.



Aniwa, Wisconsin

Branch 27—After being diagnosed with stage II breast cancer, Sue VanProoyen had to undergo surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Sue experienced significant medical, travel, and lodging expenses. A benefit was held at Little Rock Bar in April 2016. There was an auction, a ticket raffle, and food at the event. In total, more than \$25,000 was raised, with \$2,500 matched by NMB, to help offset Sue's expenses. Photo: A matching funds check was presented to Sue VanProoyen during last April's fundraiser.



Oakfield, Wisconsin

Branch 695—NMB members joined together to raise funds to help Todd Wallender, a local man with cancer who was faced with unpaid medical bills. Member Kristen Wettstein spearheaded the February 2016 benefit mobilizing 35 members, acquiring food, and organizing a dart tournament. Photo: Assistant Manager Ron Collien (left), along with member Kristen Wettstein, present a matching funds check to Todd Wallender.



Ettrick, Wisconsin

Branch 100—Ron Bishop was diagnosed with a brain tumor and endured surgery, radiation, and reactive arthritis. All of this made it difficult for him to work and get through daily life. NMB members Gary and Marilyn Bishop helped organize a benefit in Ettrick, Wisconsin, last October, which included wagon rides, music, and a live auction. Over \$47,000 was raised to offset rising expenses, with NMB matching \$2,500. We are happy to report that Ron is now back at work. Photo: District Representative Mary Krueger (left), Branch Trustee Kathy Justin (center), and Branch President Gary Bishop (right) run the registration table at the benefit.