

# 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



## Foundation President's Report

We're proud of all that the Meridian Trust North Star Foundation has accomplished in the past year. We were able to provide some much-needed assistance to organizations as well as individuals in the communities we serve.

Our valuable North Star members volunteer their time, energy, and effort throughout the year in support of Foundation causes. One of the North Star Foundation's primary goals is to ensure no child or student goes without meals at school or at home. Members of the North Star Foundation volunteer their time in many ways. One of those ways is filling bags with nutritious food and drink items. Foundation members also hand out the meals to kids, students and families in need. The Foundation has volunteered over 120 hours filling and handing out food bags from June 2019 to June 2020.

Another shining example of the Foundation's work was planning and hosting a fun and exciting 0.5k "run," which was the equivalent of a few city blocks. We called this "the run for people who don't run marathons." To help people get through this "grueling" course, we offered up pizza, tacos, donuts, coffee and yes, even beer along the way. Foundation members held up signs for participants encouraging them on to finish the race. We had hundreds of people (of all ages) that participated in the race and over \$14,000 was raised and donated to the Friday Food Bag Foundation.

The North Star Foundation also worked with Veterans and the organization Habitat for Humanity in building housing to make a local Veteran a homeowner. The Foundation put \$11,000 of funding toward this worthwhile effort.

When people in the community found themselves in financial distress and were unable to pay their heating bills this past winter, the North Star Foundation stepped up and paid these bills for those in need. We have established our

HEAT program, which stands for: Heat Energy Assistance Trust. This program delivered over \$5,800 in financial relief this year.

Others found themselves in challenging financial situations as a result of COVID-19. The Foundation again helped contribute, by donating over \$4,000 in assistance. The North Star Foundation also provided support to those pursuing higher education. The Foundation awarded six college scholarships to Wyoming residents this year.

The Foundation also supported a variety of worthwhile organizations, including the Cheyenne Animal Shelter to enhance the quality of life for animals and people through compassion, respect and education.

We continue to grow and develop the North Star Foundation, through fundraising events such as one we did at Valentine's Day. We then provide financial assistance to those truly in need.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors who make this possible. You're helping to make a real difference in people's lives.

*Edward Beckmann*

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Meridian Trust North Star Foundation President

## Financial Information

Balance as of Dec 2019	\$15,608.00
2020 Contributions	\$29,832.45
Less YTD Expenses	\$881.45
<b>Less YTD North Star Foundation Donations</b>	
HEAT Recipients	\$5,818.82
COVID Assistance	\$4,348.00
COMEVA/Habitat for Humanity	\$11,000.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$23,392.18</b>

## Become a Foundation Member

Make a difference in deserving people's lives, by becoming a valued member/donor of the North Star Foundation.

By making a small donation of just five dollars or more, you'll help provide assistance to those truly in need. Your donation feeds at-risk children and seniors in our communities; provides housing to veterans; and supports those who don't have the resources to provide for their families.

The Meridian Trust North Star Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor to determine how this important contribution may help you. The Meridian Trust North Star Foundation's EIN number is 83-2331559.

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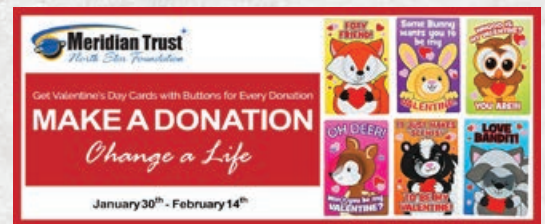
## Charitable Work



0.5k Run



HEAT Program



Valentine's Day Fundraiser



COVID-19 Support



Six College Scholarships



Sponsors Habitat for Humanity Veteran Home



Friday Food Bag Support