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Foundation President's Report

Some things are just worth repeating...and for the Meridian Trust North Star Foundation, that "something" is *Flags for Heroes*. With the addition of our Cheyenne North Branch, The North Star Foundation placed over 500 American flags at all three of our Cheyenne branches, including our Wellington branch in Colorado. Members from all over described the beauty and inspiration the display of the flags brought to our communities. *Flags for Heroes* raised over \$22,000 in 2021.

To honor our *Flags for Heroes* participants and sponsors, we held a special presentation that included the Wyoming Retired Honor Guard; Richard Mullen, a World War II veteran; the First Lady of Wyoming, Jennie Gordon; and many other dignitaries.

An important initiative for the North Star Foundation is food insecurity and this year a portion of the *Flags for Heroes* proceeds went to the Wyoming Hunger Initiative, launched by Jennie Gordon. The Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 and in addition to the one-time donation, the North Star Foundation in partnership with other credit unions paid off all the remaining student lunch debt under the Wyoming Angels Account initiative totaling over \$105,000.

The North Star Foundation completed the 17th year of our Heat Energy Assistance Trust (HEAT) program where this winter we assisted over 50 families in paying their heating bills. Also in 2021, the North Star Foundation made donations to various non-profits including the Cheyenne Animal Shelter, Family Promise, Friday Food Bag, Scottsbluff Volunteer Center, Wellington Food Bank, Connect2Women, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and many others just to name a few.

One of my favorite times of the year is awarding our six scholarship winners that are looking to continue their education. Last year's winners were an amazing group of individuals that I know will be making positive impacts to our society for years to come. Please check out last years winners and if you know someone that may be interested in applying this year, please click [here](#).

The North Star Foundation website received a "fresh coat of paint" this year. Please see the new layout [here](#) where you can see all of our upcoming events, join the North Star Foundation, donate, or apply for a scholarship. I would like to acknowledge our Board of Directors, sponsors, and volunteers for a prosperous and generous 2021.



Bryan Thomas
Meridian Trust North Star
Foundation President



2021

Contributions \$22,588.66

Flags for Heroes \$22,500.00

Less YTD Expenses

TSYS Monthly Fees \$355.27

Secretary of State \$50.00

Flags for Heroes \$7,061.44

Less YTD NS Donations

HEAT Recipients Prior \$7,276.76

HEAT Recipients Current \$2,998.95

Fremont COVID Assistance \$1,000.00

CDS Lander \$500.00

Honor Guard \$3,000.00

Scholarships \$4,000.00

Family Promise \$1,000.00

Wyoming Hunger initiative \$11,500.00

Current Cash Balance \$31,313.38

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 \$5 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; supports those who don't have the resources to provide for their families; and supports educational opportunities in the communities we serve.

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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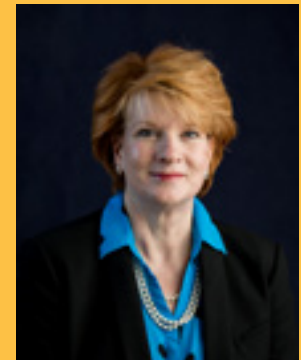
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