

2023 Annual Report



Adele Gardner
*President of the
North Star Foundation*



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The North Star Foundation, established in 2018, is dedicated to supporting communities through partnerships with local non-profit organizations and projects in health, human services, education, and community betterment. The foundation has supported various non-profits addressing food insecurity, veterans' affairs, housing, shelter programs, and more.

In September 2023, the Flags for Heroes campaign entered its fourth year and raised over \$25,000. In honor of Dr. Kimberly Withers, a visionary charter board member of the North Star Foundation, the Board pledged \$10,000 each to the Childcare Initiative and the H.E.A.T. program.



Flags for Heroes Campaign, 2023

The Childcare Initiative, established in 2022, assists families with the significant expenses of childcare. When parents join or rejoin the workforce, change jobs, or attend school, the cost of childcare can be a heavy burden. This initiative is designed to ease the first month's childcare expenses when a parent starts a new job or returns to school.

For the past 19 years, we have helped community members with their heating bills through our Heat Energy Assistance Trust (HEAT) program. In 2023 alone, the North Star Foundation provided nearly \$14,000 in assistance to 55 families and continues to support those in need. Additionally, in 2023, the North Star Foundation awarded six college scholarships totaling \$4,000.

I want to extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to the foundation, and to the volunteers who give their time, talent, and resources to support our mission. To our communities, thank you for partnering with the North Star Foundation to support the important work that non-profits and other agencies do.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adele Gardner".

Adele Gardner

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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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2023 Treasurer's Report *

2023 Contributions

Individual Donations	\$5,205
Flags for Heroes	\$32,195
Meridian Trust FCU	\$20,000

Less Expenses

Card Processing Monthly Fees	\$343
Flags for Heroes	\$4,395
Secretary of State	\$27
1099 Forms	\$40

Less North Star Donations

HEAT Payments	\$12,559
Childcare Initiative	\$4,323
Scholarships	\$4,000
Family Promise	\$500
COME A Shelter	\$947

Current Cash Balance **\$ 30,266**

**All values rounded to the nearest whole dollar*