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## LOCAL DIRECTORS COMPLETE SOUTH DAKOTA NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

Recently 28 professionals within South Dakota completed the South Dakota Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. Local participants include Darla Biel, Executive Director of Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program, Heidi Gullickson, Executive Director of Brookings Area United Way, Gwen McCausland, Director of the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum, and Lisa Marotz, Director of McCrory Gardens.

This class is a 15-month, 4-class graduate Certificate in Fund Raising Management (CRFM) from The Fund Raising School at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Each person who has completed the class has now met the educational requirements for the CFRE exam. This state-wide initiative is designed to increase the professional level of fundraising in the state, support the development of philanthropic partners, and improve the experience for donors. The participating members will be more effective in raising funds to provide services.

The program is made possible through a partnership between the South Dakota Community Foundation, The Fund Raising School at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, CFRE International, the Bush Foundation, the Larson Family Foundation, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, the Rural Philanthropy Institute, and the Numad Group.

The second cohort recently completed the second class and applications are open for the third (and final) cohort beginning this fall.

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