





# FiftyNorth

## FIFTY MORE YEARS

**H**ere we are in the midst of a very busy Season of Celebration, honoring 50 years of FiftyNorth with a full calendar of fun. Together, we celebrate five decades of connection, inspiration and learning, and look forward to 50 more years of thriving. As I write, I've been on the job for 60 very full working days, but I am in love with this organization. And who isn't? **To know FiftyNorth is to love it.** More than 2500 people in greater Northfield show up to connect, engage, learn and grow with FiftyNorth. Where else can you find a group of people more dedicated to being together? The secret to human thriving is connection— we are better together, and FiftyNorth is a place where we find joy, strength, and belonging day after day. FiftyNorth members show up to share life, and we find purpose in caring for one another. This is a rare and special antidote to a world that can create isolation, apathy, and hopelessness. When you walk in the FiftyNorth door, you literally *feel* the love.

”



***“You know what? This right here is the best coffee table in the city! I learn so much from these people every single day.”***

**—Robert**

FiftyNorth is a storied organization with a long history of wellbeing service to the community. Community leadership, collaboration, and partnership created FiftyNorth, and community relationships make the magic possible today. Our spring gallery show, *A Half Century of Service*, charts the evolution of FiftyNorth from a small basement card group, to a founding member of the Northfield Community Resource Center, and on to the vibrant organization we know today, serving around 28% of people north of 50 in greater Northfield. Today, FiftyNorth shares the NCRC city building with a host of high-impact social service organizations including The Community Action Center and Foodshelf, United Way, Healthy Community Initiative, Headstart, and the Library. Partnership is a strong part of our history, and a key component of our future.

**And what does the future hold for FiftyNorth?** The answer is possibility! FiftyNorth has the potential to serve more people, with more wellbeing programming, in the kind of facility our members deserve. Citizens north of 50 contribute experience, wisdom, and wealth to greater Northfield. We believe folks 50 and up deserve an experience that honors and amplifies their contributions to the community. For the last year and a half, FiftyNorth and the YMCA of Northfield have explored partnership in-depth,



***“It’s fun. This is fun! People here are FUN. Look at the smiles. Listen to the laughter. It’s just a really good time.”***  
**—Helen**

and in April 2026, our organizations made the exciting decision to proceed with an intensive period of due diligence to confirm our potential to merge. We are giving serious consideration to joining forces to serve our community with comprehensive and shared wellbeing services. We are calling this joint endeavor, **Community For Life**. With the YMCA’s experience in serving youth and families, and FiftyNorth’s expertise in working with people north of 50, we believe that, like our members, we will be even better together.

**What does “better together” look like?** Well, we really need your help to figure that out, but right now we envision shared facilities, with distinct, and, in some cases, separate spaces and programming for older adults and younger people. FiftyNorth could maintain name and mission, continuing to serve older adults with dedicated social, fitness and learning spaces. We’d keep providing fitness, community and event programming aimed at our special demographic, but we would legally become part of the YMCA. In this scenario, everyone would be a YMCA member, but only older members would have access to FiftyNorth facilities and programming. We would **keep** our identity and affinity for healthy aging, and team-up with the Y to provide the best wellbeing services for all.

**Why join forces?** We’re interested in building a better tomorrow together, and we want to be here for the long haul. Today, community-serving nonprofits have a better chance of thriving if they team-up. In 2025, nearly 20% of nonprofits across the nation merged, with an estimated 50% considering a merger in subsequent years. Operational costs are high, it’s tough to recruit and retain staff, and, with dwindling federal support, there is steep competition for foundation, grant, and donor funding. We believe that joining forces could reduce our costs by sharing operations, help us recruit, retain and diversify staff, and really amplify our ability to raise the funds needed to create and maintain the best services and facilities.



***“It’s about connection, and motivation. Marilyn gets in the pool, I go for a walk. And we get to socialize– that’s really important– connecting with other people is a quality of life thing.”***  
**—Gordon**

The YMCA is 175-years-old this year, with over 2000 Ys supporting over 20 million people in the USA. In terms of stability, you really couldn't ask for a better non-profit partner in a joint venture. FiftyNorth has 5 decades of proven experience working directly with the core citizenry of Northfield. We are a destination senior center, with a reputation for providing relevant, accessible, and exciting programming in a vibrant community of older adults. We know how to create community, and the YMCA of Northfield recognizes, values, and welcomes our expertise. Over the next 10 years, Northfield's 65+ age group will grow the most— some projections estimate by at least 15%, if not 20%. Our shared goal is to co-create a **Community For Life** that can serve older adults, and anyone at any stage of life in greater Northfield.



***“Now here’s the thing: This job and this place?  
This is my social time. I need this.”***

**— Bonnie**

**W**hy is FiftyNorth embracing this potential change now? Sustainability is the answer. FiftyNorth expenses are higher than our revenue. This has been true for some time. In 2025, we had a 276K operating loss. Fortunately, we have established and stewarded financial investments. These financial investments cover the gap between our expenses and our revenue. However, this isn't a great long term solution. When I was hired, I understood that one of my top priorities was to address FiftyNorth's financial health, and shrink the gap between our costs and revenue. Ideally, we find a path to break even, and save investments for endowment growth, special projects, or innovation. Joining forces with the YMCA could allow us to increase our impact and capacity, while sharing operational expenses and expertise. Together, we could increase membership, fundraising, and scholarships. We can prioritize access for all, AND pursue improved facilities. Will it be easy? No. We'll have to work hard to co-create the future and fundraise together— **but, just like the rest of life, it could be easier, and more rewarding, than going it alone.**

**Can FiftyNorth go it alone?** Going it alone is certainly possible, but might be the tougher path for FiftyNorth. When I joined the organization in late January, I produced a 22 page audit of the organization in my first 30 days. This was a wonderful exercise and it gave me, our team, the board, and our membership an opportunity to pause and look at our current operational health. We dug into historic and 2025 data, then we created a SWOT to assess our current Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats using our 2025 actuals.

What emerges is a clearer picture of FiftyNorth needs, and possible solutions. Partnership with the Northfield YMCA may be the most effective solution to build on our strengths, address our needs, reduce our risk, and allow us to serve the community better, faster. Here is a brief rundown of partnership potential:

- FiftyNorth has a long and successful history of engaging older adults through fitness, social connection, and learning; our many programs are innovative and relevant to our special population; we have a strong core membership, and a stellar reputation in greater Northfield
  - FiftyNorth can bring members, expertise, volunteers, community trust and donors to the YMCA, helping us deepen wellbeing impact and broaden reach together
- FiftyNorth excels in community programming and events
  - The YMCA can benefit from our well-rounded approach to wellbeing and our emphasis on social connection and belonging
- FiftyNorth has a long and successful history of partnering with other nonprofits and businesses to strengthen our programming and funding in service of our mission
  - FiftyNorth can bring more community partners and relationships to YMCA operations for the benefit of more people in our community
- FiftyNorth staff are dedicated, hard-working, and they bring a people-first, member-centric ethic and mindset to all they do
  - FiftyNorth can deepen the YMCA's bench, and join them in a tradition of excellent customer service for older adults
- FiftyNorth has a healthy investment portfolio and has established an endowment
  - Together, FiftyNorth and the YMCA can showcase these assets to provide a compelling fundraising case for responsible financial stewardship
- FiftyNorth is operating in an aging, rented city facility with increasing rent and significant deferred maintenance; we are making capital improvements to a facility that we do not own
  - Joining forces with the YMCA could provide a path to share operations and own our facilities, with the capacity and control to invest in our own planning, improvements, and maintenance as one stronger organization
- FiftyNorth insurance reimbursement rates are very low and we have little bargaining power because we are small
  - As a national nonprofit, the YMCA's insurance reimbursement rates are higher and their bargaining power is much greater
- FiftyNorth membership structure is too complex, over 50% of our members are under-utilizing our programs, and we are challenged to recruit members in the 50-60 age demographic
  - Teaming up with the Y could allow FiftyNorth to implement a reliable, simplified, and productive membership structure, improve our value proposition, and provide us with a built-in membership pipeline

continued →



***“Do what you want to do. Don’t wait. Life is for living!”***

**—Lin**

- FiftyNorth would like to be able to offer more membership scholarships to more people, but we have an operating loss
  - The YMCA is dedicated to wellbeing for all; they have a track record of breaking even operationally and fundraising to provide scholarships to any member in need; they share our goal of financial sustainability
- FiftyNorth operational systems and platforms are outdated and in-need of pricey updating and investment
  - YMCA operational systems are some of the strongest in the nonprofit wellness sector, migrating to and sharing solid systems could reduce expenses and allow us to keep pace with innovation with little up front cost
- FiftyNorth operations are spread across a complex array of vendors and services
  - Sharing operations with the YMCA would allow us to streamline services, reduce costs, and gain operational bandwidth
- FiftyNorth does not have an HR function or offer employees health insurance
  - FiftyNorth employees would become Y employees; the Y provides employee health insurance, and the most competitive retirement benefits in the nonprofit sector
- FiftyNorth does not have a paid fundraising role
  - We could share fundraising and marketing roles with the YMCA
- Going it alone, FiftyNorth would face significant fundraising competition
  - With the Y, we could fundraise together, and attract foundation and major donor money with the shared and deepened **Community for Life** value proposition
- Alone, FiftyNorth faces competition for members
  - With the Y, we could enjoy a built in membership pipeline, and we could recruit together



***“We aren't old. We're active!”***

**—JoAnn**

**W**e have a lot of work to do to understand if our **Community For Life** vision is viable. We will co-create and review operational, financial, governance, and strategic plans. We will also leverage respective legal services to negotiate terms, evaluate risk, and outline steps to a legal merge. We are investing in a period of due diligence between now and August 2026 because we feel that merging represents the least risk and highest potential for FiftyNorth today. Time and effort will tell if this is in fact the best way forward for FiftyNorth.

With or without the YMCA, FiftyNorth will continue to thrive. We will continue to bring members together to connect and engage for wellbeing. We are providing a vital service in a very special community, and we're in it for the long haul.

I'm humbled to serve on the FiftyNorth team and work as hard as I can on behalf of this very special community. Thank you to all FiftyNorth members– you show me, every day, in every way, how to show up for one another and lead with heart.

***Please join me in applauding the many achievements of our hardworking and dedicated employees, board, and volunteers.***

In 2025, the FiftyNorth team served 2,540 people across 115,918 visits. We served 1,917 members with 3920 fitness classes and over 150 programs, trips and events. Board member, and now 50th Committee Chair, Kay Brown, along with a band of intrepid staff, trustees, volunteers, generous donors and grantors raised more than 325K in 2025. Thanks to their commitment, we granted more than 97 scholarships. Patty Ciernia and Michelle Brant not only delivered 100 community programs, they supported 38 events and created the runway for what is today one very exciting Season of Celebration. Craig Swenson and our fitness team delivered about 80 classes per week. Used-A-Bit Manager, Fermin Notario Ponce, along with Assistant Manager, Deb Olien, not only transformed our retail space, they earned FiftyNorth 45K, and paved the way for an E-bay operation that is now in full swing. And Elaine Meyers, our very helpful, very patient, and very organized Membership Manager, along with her front desk wonder women, served those 2,540 participants and 1917 members with warmth, compassion and enthusiasm. 195 volunteers made all of this FiftyNorth magic possible with their time, talent and hard work.

A very special thanks to Interim Executive Director, Carla Johnson, who put her shoulder to our wheel for 6 months, and brought FiftyNorth operations into a new generation of operational strength. With the support of Board Chair, Kathie Taranto, Carla executed many large projects, including creating an operational budget and drafting an Employee Handbook. I am grateful that I inherited my role from the best (and smartest) on-boarding manager in history!



Carla Johnson,  
Interim Executive Director

**FRONT DESK RECEPTION STAFF**



Pam  
Toepper



Bonnie  
DuPay



Brenda  
Bultman



Bonnie  
Eliason



Kay  
Marosi



Jane  
Persons



JoAnn  
Edwardsen

continued →



In 2026, FiftyNorth will say good-bye to two very important members of our community– Patty Ciernia and Elaine Meyers will both retire this year. FiftyNorth owes a fair share of our strength and success to these two leaders– they have gone above and beyond to support our membership and organization with their very best. I advise you to cherish what time you have left with them, and please keep sharing your gratitude with them– they deserve our very best.

I'm thrilled to thrive with you! Here's to 50 more years of FiftyNorth!

Marlais Brand —Executive Director  
April 2026



*"Elaine does at least 3 jobs"*  
–Craig Swenson



*"Michelle always puts people first."*  
–Patty



*"Craig really is Super Man."*  
–Michelle



*"I don't know how Patty does it all."*  
–Fermin Notario



*"Fermin has worked miracles."*  
–Patty



### OUR MISSION

Through programs and services that promote healthy aging and whole-person well-being, we inspire, empower, and enrich a community of active, engaged, and connected adults north of age 50.

### OUR VALUES

As an organization, FiftyNorth Leadership values:

**SERVICE EXCELLENCE:** Being of significant benefit to members, the community, and our partners.

**INCLUSION:** Welcoming and treating all with respect and embracing diversity.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Being socially, financially, and environmentally responsible.

### VISION

FiftyNorth is a vibrant, essential, and collaborative organization that enhances the quality of life and sense of purpose of older adults.

**VOLUNTEERISM:** Engaging volunteers in meaningful roles and opportunities that are vital to FiftyNorth and the greater community.

**COLLABORATION:** Pursuing and exploring new information, ideas, and partnerships.



2025 By The Numbers	
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Membership dues	283,838
Program fees	102,111
Sales (Used-A-Bit, Popcorn Wagon, rentals, art, etc.)	319,076
Fund drive donations	181,126
Grants & other contributions	114,498
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,000,649</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Facilities	309,259
Personnel & operations	818,568
Program expenses	149,419
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,277,246</b>
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>-276,597</b>
Investment income	416,351
Depreciation	-30,080
Other expenses, net	-146
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>109,528</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash, current assets & investments	3.03M
Endowments	450K
Net property & equipment	158K
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3.64M</b>
Liabilities	(232K)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>3.40M</b>
<b>CASH</b>	
Sale of investments, net purchases	352K
Cash used for operations	157K
Fitness endowment gift received	100K
Cash used for capital improvements	53K

FiftyNorth 2025 Impact Snapshot	
Total people served	2,540
Total visits	115,918
Fitness classes	3,920
Community programs	100
Events	38
Trips	12
Donors	464
Scholarships	97
Fitness instructors	21
Community program instructors	55
Board members	13
Volunteers	195
"fam" members (morning coffee crew)	11
Bags of popcorn consumed	20,500
Pots of coffee brewed	2,500



FiftyNorth 2025 Member Snapshot		
Avg Age Per Member	72	
Members > 50	28	1%
Members 50-60	149	8%
Members 61-70	537	28%
Members 71-80	749	39%
Members 81+	335	17%
Female-Identifying	1,137	59%
Male-Identifying	643	34%
Not Identified/ Gender Fluid	18	1%

# 2025 DONORS

## BRONZE | \$1 - \$199

Karen Achberger  
Warren & Cindy Allevan  
Baton Rouge Area Foundation  
Bernard & Mary Auge  
Matt Bailey  
Lyle & Corby Bakken  
Lois Bakko  
Dianne Barrett  
Roxanne Baumann  
Audrey Benjamin  
Rose Berthelsen  
Robert Beske  
Gary & Patty Bleichner  
Clayton & Linda Bliese  
Donald & Roberta Bonrud  
Michelle Brant  
Dale Brayton  
Mickey Brodin  
Gene & Darlene Broughton  
Warren & Karen Broughton  
Judeen Brown  
Susan Dunhaupt & Dick Brown  
Heidi Bryan  
Chuck & Julie Cannon  
Clark & Lois Cary  
Carl Caskey  
Steve Chambers  
Daniel & Karen Christ  
Bernice Christensen  
Ginger Church  
Evonne Clay  
Donavon Pautzke &  
Jeanne Cloud  
Mark & Judy Code  
Linda Collette  
Karen Collins  
Richard & Katherine Collman  
Jim Colwell  
Eileen Cooper  
Roger Couture  
Allan & Darlene Cox  
Robert & Gail Craig  
Don & Mary Crook  
Florence Dacey  
Daniel & Carrie Dauner  
Gary & Connie DeGrote  
Bonnie DeLong  
Sam Demas  
John & Nancy Dennis  
Patsy Dew  
Winnie Drentlaw  
Thalia Duffield  
Bonnie DuPay  
Bonnie Eliason  
Sharon Ellsworth  
Carol Emery  
Pam Enfield  
Jeanne Estrem  
Catharine Eyberg  
Kathleen Feldbrugge  
Michael & Terry Ferrise  
Bryan & Rebecca Finley  
Barbara Frame  
Rick & Ingrid Freeman  
Bierman, Benson &  
Langehough Funeral Home  
Diane Genova  
Curt Gilbertson  
Jeanette Gilbertson  
Sharon Goodman  
Leota Goodney  
Becky Boling & Doug Green  
Delores Gustafson  
Kurt & Jan Gytri  
Anne Haga  
Mary Hahn  
Erling & Connie Halverson  
Maxine Halverson  
Connie Hehling  
Nancy Hellerud  
Charles & Anita Hellie  
Kay Lee Henderson  
Linda Henderson  
Sharon Henry  
Shirley Herreid  
Barbara Herzog  
Pat Higgins  
Steven & Claire Hill  
Penny Hillemann  
Kay Hinzman  
Kerry Hjelmgren  
Mary Ho  
Isla Hoffman  
Tim & Carolyn Hogan  
Jim & Caroline Holden  
Maia Homstad  
Torild Homstad  
Gail Hoxie-Setterstrom  
Robert & Beverly Jacobsen  
Dave & Char Jacobsen  
Douglas Padilla & Susan  
Jacobsen  
Steven Jakeman  
John Jarvis  
William & Patricia Jenkinson  
Cheryl Jirik  
Karen L Johnson  
Nancy Johnson  
Richard Johnson  
Ruth Johnson-Wirth  
Eric & Kari Johnsrud  
Patricia Kangas  
Gordon & Marilyn Kelley  
Joni Kilde  
Jane Kipp  
Marsha Kitchel  
Dennis & Arlene Kjar  
Ken Klimisch  
Ben & Colleen Klotz  
Daryl Knudsen  
Larry Knudsen & Nola Moen  
James & Kay Koch  
James & Kay Kohl  
Joyce Koktavy  
Neidra Krebs  
Arlys Kreis  
Douglas & Patricia Kriesel  
Perry & Ruth Kruse  
Laurie Kuehn  
Tim & Karla Kuisle  
Larry & Ann Larson  
Leone Larson & Tom Moen  
Bev Legler  
Douglas & Carol Lennartson  
Bill & June Libbey  
Donna Limback-Reyelts  
Lucy Lou  
Beverly Lubbers  
Nina Mangelsen  
Alvina Marek  
Ted Suss & Janet Marti  
Janet Mathews  
Donna & Jim May  
James & Angie Mayr  
Camille McCann  
Brynda McCoy  
Donovan & Leora McGee  
Janet McGrath  
Lori McIntyre  
Tim & Marian McKone  
Dean & Constance Merrell  
Paul & Elaine Meyers  
Leonard & Barbara Moore  
Robert Moore  
Cecilia Mylerberg  
Mary Myos  
Carol Ann Nelson  
Bill & Pat Nelson  
Marilynn Neuville  
Michael & Mary Nitz  
Richard & Raymonde Noer  
Naomi Nohava  
Roger & Sue Norsted  
Mike & Nancy Nytes  
Robert & Sandra Nyvall  
Karen Oiseth  
Duane Olawsky  
Tom Oleson  
Jim & Bonnie Olson  
Laura A Olson  
Dorothy Palmquist Parker  
Stan & Nancy Partin  
Julie Paulsen  
Joan Paulson  
Susan Pedersen  
Randall & Lois Perkins  
David Peters  
David Peterson  
David & Orick Peterson  
Jim Pierret & Kathy Kramer  
Judith Pinc  
Dale Pinio  
Mark & Mary Polzin  
Qixian Qian  
Robert & Edie Quam  
Dennis & Marjorie Randolph  
Steve & Rhonda Reece  
Leo Reid  
Steve & Barb Reindal  
Kimberly Reis  
Patricia Remes  
Jean Reuter  
Ramona Revne  
Constance Rew  
Ben & Patricia Rezac  
Barbara Rippley  
Helen Rockey  
Jan Roetzel  
Don & Clare Roos  
Richard Roth  
Patti Rud  
Carol Rutz  
Jerry Sackmaster  
Janice Sandberg  
Robert & Durene Sathre  
Marie Schlink  
Greg & Barb Schmidt  
Nancy Schoenbauer  
Mel & Cheryl Schrader  
William Schroeer  
Peggy Sell  
Karen Sellers  
Lorraine Sewich  
Susan Sheridan  
Bonnie Sherman  
Beth Sherwin

## 2025 DONORS

### SILVER \$200 - \$499

Shelley Silkey  
John Simek  
Lee Skaar  
Charles & Christine Skinner  
Kay Smith  
Betty Sorbo  
Anne Sovik  
Shannon Spahr  
Phyllis Stade  
Fred & Lorelei Stanley  
Linda Stanton  
David & Barbara Starch  
Effie Stein  
Barbara Stelten  
Emery Stephens  
Sharon Stoeck  
Pete & Mary Stolley  
Sandra Strachan  
Alice Strom  
Janette Stromley  
Peter & Susan Svaleson  
Ronald & Barbara Swartwoudt  
Martha Swedin  
Curt Swenson  
Susan Swenson  
Harley Tate  
Thomas Thorman  
Julie Thorsheim  
Lee & Beverly Topp  
John & Vicky Tripp  
Janis Truax  
Arlene Tuma  
Anne Ulmer  
Dan Underwood  
Barbara Vaile  
Chris Valek  
Dale & Dian VanGuilder  
Dan VanValkenburg  
Mary Viereck  
Alan Wadleigh  
Linda Wagenbach  
Martha Wallace  
Richard & Jeanne Waters  
JoAnn Wellbrock  
Bob & Lucy Wells  
Rose Werner  
Blanche White  
Robert & Catherine Williams  
Nanette Winsell  
David & Linda Wolf  
David W Yutesler

Stephen & Colleen Zastrow  
Michael & Letti Zenner  
Jay & Rachel Zoller  
Dave & Mitzi Ackerman  
Terry Barck  
Marie Benson  
Martin (Marty) Benson  
Brian & Cheryl Boesche  
Charles Black & Barbara Bofenkamp  
Sharon Boisselle  
Rita Brand  
Al & Jean Bronnenberg  
Judy Broske  
Mary Brown  
Heather Candels  
Cleve Crowningshield  
Dirk & Marilyn Danks Peterson  
Neil & Marilyn Deden  
Darla DeLong  
Martha Egersdorf  
Chris Ellison  
Jon & Phyllis Finger  
David & Vicky Follansbee  
Stephanie Frey  
Mac & Jacquelyn Gimse  
Dennis Grinde  
James & Marilynn Gryc  
Dorothy Hammer  
Robert & Barbara Hanisch  
Reid & Gail Hendershot  
Carl Henry  
Bob & Pat Hohertz  
Phyllis Hullett  
Muriel Inouye  
Richard & Donna Jackson  
Georgene Johnson  
Gerald Johnson  
Pat Johnson  
Steve & Ann Jorstad  
Patricia Jorstad  
Janet Kelling  
Kenneth & Marlana Kirton  
Gary & Arlene Kruse  
Steve Albers & Cathy Larson  
Helen Larson  
Carol Lawrence  
Karen Lillibridge  
Tom & Nancy Loesch  
John Dedzej & Wendy Manuel  
Russ & Lynn Margulies  
Carol Marshall  
Janell Martin  
Ruth McCarty  
Mike & Ann McGovern

### GOLD \$500-\$999

Ann Albert  
Bradley Anderson  
Gene & Susan Bauer  
Diane Boyum  
George & Catherine Brophy  
Brenda Bultman  
Community Resource Bank  
Samuel & Margy Deel  
Jacqueline Dorsey  
Kathy Eckstam-Ames  
Larry & JoAnn Edwardsen  
Beth Enderst  
Christopher & Joan Ennis  
Debbie Faust  
Alene Fink  
Marie Gery  
Bonnie Gretz  
Ross & Sandra Griffin  
Todd Harvey  
Sam & Patricia Johnson  
Brent Betterley & Nancy Just  
JoAnn Kleber  
Charles Kyte  
Myron Lanoue  
Jean Larson  
Rosemary Larson  
Gail Lewis  
Making Waves Swim School  
Richard & Donna Maus  
Diane Melbye  
Merchant Bank  
Todd & Sue Middleton  
Allene Moesler  
Norma Monroe  
Northfield Physical Therapy  
Brian Panettiere  
Jane Persons  
Dennis Lange & Abigail Ring  
Sandra Robertson  
Marie Frederickson & John Schnorr  
Anne Schulz  
Arland & Mary Schwake  
Wendy Sivanich  
Dan & Linda Stadler  
Daryl Stokesbary  
Swan Toftness Foundation  
Rich & Kathie Taranto  
Erwin & Judy Ulrich  
Robert & Donna Vanderhoof  
Krista Wilkowske  
Marilyn Will  
Elden & Solveig Zempel



## PLATINUM \$1000+

Richard & Wendy Allen  
David Appleyard  
Nancy Ashmore & Kenneth Wedding  
Robert & Teresa Ballentine  
Dennis & Beth Berry  
Judith Bond  
Kay Brown  
Bob & Lin Bruce  
Jim Bull  
Evelyn Burry  
William & Charlotte Carlson  
Jim & Judy Cederberg  
Pat Lamb and Ele Hanson  
Charitable Fund  
Steve & Patty Ciernia  
Bill Cowles  
Tim & Carol Cowles  
Estate of Orrin DeLong  
Joy Demuth  
Edward & Mary Emery  
Kevin Fink  
Roger Fliegel  
St Paul & MN Community Foundation  
Jerry & Diane Gehler  
Dennis & Janet Hahn  
Barbara Hanson

Katherine Hanson  
Tom Turgeant & Carla Johnson  
Anne Klinefelter  
Leif & Debora Knecht  
Naurine Lennox  
Eric Lenz  
William & Callista Meyer  
Julie Morton  
J.P. Murtha  
Pat Nelson  
Elizabeth Olson  
Greg Loek & Kathleen Rice  
Susan Roosenraad  
Lee & Kitty Runzheimer  
Jan Shoger  
Stephen & Nancy Silcox  
Jerry & Jane Skluzacek  
Shelley Strobel  
Judith Tarabek  
Sandra Titus  
Family Trust Van Eeckhout  
Timothy & Jean Vick  
Richard DeBeau & Doris Welke  
Glenn & Marcia Wills  
Phil & Thelma Winter

## 2025 SUSTAINING DONORS

Karen Achberger	Janet Mathews
David Appleyard	James & Angie Mayr
Nancy Ashmore & Kenneth Wedding	Mike & Ann McGovern
Bernard & Mary Auge	Elaine Meyers
Lois Bakko	Neil Lutsky & Irene Montenegro
Judy Broske	Mary Myos
Warren & Karen Broughton	Pat Nelson
Mary Brown	Susan Oftedahl
Bernice Christensen	Elizabeth Olson
Eileen Cooper	Jane Persons
Neil & Marilyn Deden	Jim Pierret & Kathy Kramer
Larry & JoAnn Edwardsen	Carol Rutz
Chris Ellison	Kenneth & Sharon Steinhouse
Beth Endert	Craig Swenson
Stephanie Frey	Allan & Nancy Swenson
Marie Gery	Judith Tarabek
Mac & Jacquelyn Gimse	Pam Toepper
Dorothy Hammer	Dale & Rose Turnacliif
Richard & Donna Jackson	Anne Ulmer
Ruth Johnson-Wirth	Linda Wagenbach
Steve & Ann Jorstad	
Gary & Arlene Kruse	
Myron Lanoue	
Tom & Nancy Loesch	

## FIFTYNORTH STAFF

### ■ Executive Director:

Marlais Brand  
507-664-3701 | marlais.brand@fiftynorth.org

### ■ Fitness Manager:

Craig Swenson  
507-664-3702 | craig.swenson@fiftynorth.org

### ■ Operations and Membership Manager:

Elaine Meyers  
507-664-3703 | elaine.meyers@fiftynorth.org

### ■ Program Coordinator/Outreach

Patty Ciernia  
507-664-3709 | patty.ciernia@fiftynorth.org

### ■ Program Coordinator: Arts/Volunteer

Michelle Brant  
507-664-3707 | michelle.loken@fiftynorth.org

### ■ Used-A-Bit Shoppe Manager:

Fermin Notario Ponce  
507-645-1399 | fermin.ponce@fiftynorth.org

### ■ Used-A-Bit Shoppe Assistant Manager:

Deb Olien  
507-645-1399 | deb.oliem@fiftynorth.org

### Front Desk (Reception Staff):

Brenda Bultman, Bonnie DuPay, JoAnn Edwardsen,  
Bonnie Eliason, Kay Marosi, Jane Persons, Pam Toepper

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SENIOR BOARD

**Chair:** Kathie Taranto  
**Vice Chair:** Susan Oftedahl  
**Secretary:** Carla Johnson  
**Treasurer:** George Brophy  
**Past Chair:** Pat Jorstad

### DIRECTORS

Kay Brown	Jerry Johnson
Vicki Celandier	Leif Knecht
Richard DeBeau	Naurine Lennox
John Dedzej	Kathy Rice



### FiftyNorth Hours:

Monday–Friday: 6am–8pm  
Saturday: 7am–4pm  
Sunday: Closed



### Used-A-Bit Shoppe:

624 Water Street, River Mall, 507-645-1399  
Tuesday–Saturday: 10am–5pm  
Sunday & Monday: Closed



FiftyNorth and its programs are made possible in part through financial contributions by the City of Northfield.