

GREATER GRAND FORKS
**Young
Professionals**



**Professional
Development**



**Social
Events**



**Community
Involvement**

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CONNECTING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

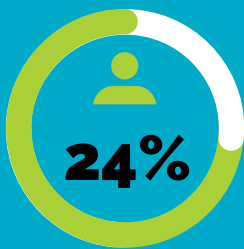
The Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals (GGFYP) is an organization focused on providing young professionals opportunities to get connected in the greater Grand Forks region. By offering fun and engaging events and learning opportunities every month, GGFYP provides young professionals the opportunity to network with one another, get involved, and help their community, while also developing professionally.

The goal is to help attract and retain young professionals in the Grand Forks Region. GGFYP strives to promote the region as an attractive place to set roots and launch a career. Grand Forks is the only community in North Dakota with a full-time staff member who is focused solely on how to attract and retain young professionals. Your investment in GGFYP directly supports the work and contributes to our growing region.

CORPORATE MEMBER BENEFITS

VISIONARY			\$10,000+
Two sponsored events annually	Complementary social media boosting two times yearly	All benefits below	
Opportunity to speak at Annual Launch		Free Table at Annual Launch	
GOLD			\$5,000+
Logo on annual report & member packet	One sponsored event annually	All benefits below	
		Free Table at Annual Launch	
SILVER			\$2,500+
Co-host events on Facebook to reach young professional audience	New sponsor highlight on social media & in the newsletter	All benefits below	
		Free Table at Annual Launch	
BRONZE			\$1,000+
Social media marketing	Promotions in weekly newsletter	All benefits below	
SMALL BUSINESS MEMBERS			\$500+ OR IN-KIND
All employees are members at no cost to them	Logo featured on GGFYP website	Post open positions in the weekly newsletter	
Listing in annual report & member packet			

GGFYP QUICK FACTS



Grand Forks County
From 2012 - 2022

Population Increase
People Ages 25-39

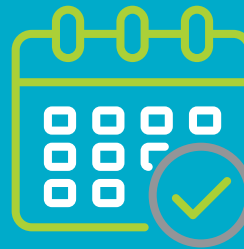
National Average: 11%



250+

Registered Members

Annual Renewal



36+

Events Per Year
12 per committee



2

Student Chapters
UND | NCTC

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

To increase member engagement and buy-in three committees plan and host monthly events. Committees are a voluntary involvement and offer a way to have a greater impact on the organization. Committee members attend an additional monthly meeting to provide feedback

and plan for events and gatherings. Committee involvement is an elevated level of engagement and members can demonstrate their dedication and interest to GGFYP. Several committee members go on to apply for board of directors leadership positions that are filled annually.

SOCIAL EVENTS Meets on the first Monday of each month.



Learn to Curl & Cook-off



ArtSee

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Meets on the first Tuesday of each month.



Lunch & Learn Series



Business Tours

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.



Orange Bag Volunteering



Volunteering with local non-profits

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Lisa Martinez
Member since 2010



"I initially got involved in GGFYP to give back to the community and develop as a professional. Over ten years later, I still find value in being part of the organization. I actively participate in the Social Events and Marketing Committees and attend every event that I can."

Mark Maliskey
Member since 2020



"I moved to North Dakota from the state of Michigan. Attending social events provided me with a way to make connections and create a supportive community of friends and colleagues. I loved social events so much that I increased my involvement and now serve as the Social Events Chair."

Adrian Cummings
Member since 2018



"I joined GGFYP right out of high school and started attending events. By attending professional development events and networking with other members and professionals in the community, I was able to change my career from plumbing to banking. GGFYP changed my life. I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had due to my involvement."



GGFYP Bingo Night at The Taproom

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\$10,000+



GOLD

\$5,000+



SILVER

\$2,500+

Alerus Financial
AE2S
Choice Bank

Grand Forks Air Force Base
Grand Forks Public Schools
Happy Harry's

UND Alumni Association & Foundation

BRONZE

\$1,000+

322 Hospitality Group
Alerus Center
American Crystal Sugar
Bluepeak Fiber Internet
First National Bank
Cirrus Aircraft
Downtown Development Association
Empire Arts Center

Express Employment Professionals
First Community Credit Union
Gate City Bank
Grand Forks County
Grand Forks Region EDC
Houston Engineering
Koda Bank
Leighton Media

Midco
Northland Community & Technical College
Ralph Engelstad Arena
Retrax
Urban Stampede
Valley Senior Living

SMALL BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

\$500+ OR IN-KIND

American Federal
Anchor Marketing
Bonzer's Sandwich Pub
Bully Brew
Community Contractors
PCL Construction
Crary Real Estate
CVIC
Dakota Commercial

Deeks Pizza
Development Homes Inc
Fenworks
Frandsen Bank & Trust
GF Park District
Grand Forks Subaru
iHeart Media
Jersey Mikes
Lunseth Trucking Company

Mark Maliskey Photography
Minnkota Power Cooperative
Northrop Grumman
Northern Plains Rail Services
River Cinema
Rosenquist Law Office
TruHome Property Solutions

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INVEST & POSITIVELY IMPACT GREATER GRAND FORKS

Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals is a 501(C)6, member-based organization. It is completely funded by community organizations that believe in making a positive impact in the region. The consistent sponsorship of the organizations above

has directly contributed to the 24% increase in the number of people ages 25-39 from 2012-2022 in Grand Forks County. If you want to continue to attract and retain young professionals, contact GGFYP Executive Director Gon Carlson to invest.



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