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## **Black Hills Area Community Foundation recognizes Northern Hills Alliance for Children**

*New organization will create child care services for Deadwood and Lead families*

RAPID CITY, SD—May 21, 2010— The Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) announced that the Northern Hills Alliance for Children (NHAC) received its determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing it as a 501(c)(3) public charity. BHACF served as fiscal sponsor for the group while it prepared all required governance documentation. With the announcement, NHAC is now able to accept tax-deductible distributions and will establish its own business office.

“This is a significant accomplishment,” said BHACF Board Chairman Haven Stuck, “requiring this group of volunteers to create bylaws and other governing instruments, prepare a business plan and begin taking the steps necessary to create an administrative infrastructure. We applaud them for their hard work, and most importantly for their vision of expanding quality childcare and preschool opportunities in the Lead-Deadwood School district.”

NHAC Board Chairman Nyla Griffith and other members of the NHAC Board of Directors accepted a grant of \$56,575, which represented the balance remaining in the fund, which began at BHACF in 2009. “We are grateful to BHACF for hosting our organization as we got started. It enabled us to focus our time and energy on developing a plan for the new childcare facility and to create a viable business model,” said Griffith.

NHAC received a three year grant totaling \$195,000 from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation to create the childcare center, which will serve 60 children, ages 6 weeks to 6 years. “The Vucurevich Foundation and BHACF gave us our start,” said Griffith. “Now we are turning to the people of our community, especially our business leaders, to provide the support we need to renovate the building and create a top-notch child care center. Having a quality facility right in our own community will benefit children, families, and employers. NHAC is eager to make this a reality.” Renovations of the building, located at 753 Main Street, Deadwood, will begin this summer. The facility is scheduled to open after January 2011.

### **ABOUT BLACK HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

BHACF holds more than 20 endowment funds, as well as donor advised funds and scholarship funds. Through its tax-exempt charitable status, it enables people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about and programs that improve the quality of life in the Black Hills. Such participation can occur immediately or over time through estate planning.

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