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**Black Hills Area Community Foundation launches electronic giving website [www.GiveBlackHills.org](http://www.GiveBlackHills.org)**

To encourage philanthropic giving in the Black Hills area, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) is announcing a new website, [www.giveblackhills.org](http://www.giveblackhills.org) on Friday, December 4, 2009. The site features profiles of Black Hills area, IRS-designated, 501(c)(3) public charities. Donors can support local causes by making secure credit card donations through the site and BHACF will grant those donations to the designated charities.

“Our goal is to make giving easy for people who care about the Black Hills. Through the site people can make credit card gifts of any size to their favorite local charities. We encourage people to review the profiles and learn more about nonprofit organizations that are doing good work in the area. The profiles provide details about the charities, including success stories that describe their impact in our community and how they improve our quality of life,” said Eric Abrahamson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BHACF. Abrahamson hopes the site will eventually feature hundreds of Black Hills area charities. To be eligible to be profiled on the site, a charity must be an IRS-designated, 501(c)(3) public charity, have an office in or provide services directly to the people of the Black Hills area and complete the profile. Charities can visit [www.giveblackhills.org](http://www.giveblackhills.org) to determine their eligibility and begin the profile process.



**GiveBlackHills.org** is among the new electronic philanthropy websites developed by community foundations to connect people who care to causes that matter. “As a tax-exempt public charity, BHACF is in a unique position to receive funds and pass them through to other qualified charities. We have seen the success of these sites in Denver, Minneapolis and other communities around the country. We believe that the generous people of the Black Hills will use this tool for their charitable giving too,” said Regina Jahr, Executive Director of BHACF.

To celebrate the launch of the site, BHACF will host coffee meetings for the public and nonprofit organization representatives on Friday, December 4, 2009 at the following locations and times:

8:30 a.m. Mammoth Site, 1800 Highway 18 By-Pass, Hot Springs

- 9:30 a.m. Prairie Hills Transit Bus Garage, 1213 Montgomery, Custer
- 1:00 p.m. Prairie Hills Transit, 436 E. Colorado Boulevard, Spearfish
- 2:00 p.m. Historic Homestake Opera House, 312 W. Main Street, Lead
- 3:15 p.m. Northern Hills Alcohol & Drug Office, 1010 Ball Park Road, Sturgis
- 4:30 p.m. Dahl Arts Center, 713 Seventh Street, Rapid City

Development of the website was funded by the South Dakota Nonprofit Enhancement Project, which is administered by the South Dakota Community Foundation through a grant from the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, MN. The South Dakota Community Foundation is a public, non-profit organization established in 1987. Earnings from more than \$100 million are available for distribution for non-profit, charitable and scholarship purposes.

BHACF was created by and for the people in the Black Hills area to inspire people to invest as a community to enhance the future prosperity and quality of life of the people throughout the Black Hills area. 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. For more information on BHACF, contact Regina Jahr, Executive Director at 605.718.0112 or visit [www.bhacf.org](http://www.bhacf.org) or [www.giveblackhills.org](http://www.giveblackhills.org).

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