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## **Black Hills Area Community Foundation to Host Endowment Building Strategy Session**

▪ March 11, 2008 – 8:00am-9:30 am  
at Wells Fargo Bank, 825 St. Joseph St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Rapid City, SD

As part of its ongoing service to regional nonprofit agencies, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation will host a program March 11, 2008, on endowment building: *Gold in the Hills: Endowment Building Strategies for Nonprofit Organizations*.

Nonprofit leaders, community advocates and business representatives are invited to attend. The event will begin at 8:00 am and conclude at 9:30 am. Michael W. McNeely, President of The Abbey Group, a fund raising consulting firm, will conduct an interactive learning session on endowment building. The event will be held at Wells Fargo Bank, 825 St. Joseph Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Rapid City, South Dakota. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast. To make a reservation, call 605/718-0112.

The purpose of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation is to inspire people to invest as a community to enhance the future prosperity and quality of life of the people throughout the Black Hills. *Gold in the Hills* is part of a series of interactive learning and network seminars being offered in Black Hills communities by the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. Financial support for this program is provided by Black Hills Corporation.

Michael McNeely organized The Abbey Group in 1992 to provide personal, customized service to nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. His personal and direct approach to fund development has yielded significant results for his clients. The Abbey Group staff helps nonprofit organizations assess campaign readiness and provide a plan to lead a campaign to success. The firm has extensive experience in major gifts, planned giving, volunteer motivation, training, promotion, corporate sponsorship and public relations. Clients of The Abbey Group include membership and social service organizations, hospitals, health care agencies, schools and universities.

Representing the Black Hills Area Community Foundation will be Regina Q. Jahr, Executive Director. The Black Hills Area Community Foundation was created by and for the people in 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 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 Black Hills Area Community Foundation call Regina Jahr, Executive Director at 605/718-0112 or visit our website [www.bhacf.org](http://www.bhacf.org).

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