



**BLACK HILLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 14, 2007 – 8:30am-1 pm – Mueller, Civic Center, Hot Springs>

Black Hills Area Community Foundation hosts  
Nonprofit Strategy Session

As part of its ongoing service to regional nonprofit agencies, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation will host a program June 14, 2007, on endowment building: Gold in the Hills: Nonprofit Strategies for Creating the Future of the Black Hills Area.

Nonprofit leaders, community advocates and business representatives are invited to attend. The event will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 1:00 p.m. Topics will include a review of transfer of wealth data and a discussion on capacity building. 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 the Mueller Civic Center, 801 S. Sixth Street, Hot Springs, South Dakota. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes lunch. For an invitation or 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 the first in a series of interactive learning and network seminars that will be offered in Black Hills communities.

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 organization's 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.

Also speaking will be Patrick H. Wyss, Chairman of Black Hills Area Community Foundation. Mr. Wyss will give an update on the foundation, its services and activities. 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 and programs that improve the quality of life in the Black Hills. Such participation can occur immediately or over time



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through estate planning. Formerly the Rapid City Foundation, BHACF has an endowment fund and has also assisted as a pass-through vehicle for charitable giving to various community projects over the last 18 years. The Black Hills Area Community Foundation seeks 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.

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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