



North Dakota

Featured Project

Customer: General Public
Location: Area Wide
Project Value: \$8,000
Partners: Area Non-Profits
Date: December 2010

“FILE OF LIFE” AREA WIDE PROJECT

In October 2010, the Williston Basin RC&D Council adopted the “File of Life” program as an area wide project. “File of Life” is a recognized life saving program that was started in the mid 1990’s and has been implemented by 1400 cities nationwide. The program itself consists of a packet that contains a card that identifies a person’s name, emergency medical contacts, medications, allergies, and health problems. This card is used primarily by the elderly and those with serious medical conditions. The card is placed in a magnetic holder identified as the “File of Life” and is placed on the outside of the refrigerator for emergency personnel to review if they respond to an emergency call at the person’s residence. In addition to the card and magnetic holder, a sticker is provided for placement on the outside residential door for emergency personnel to note medical information is available inside.

Through the use of many volunteers and affective public information campaign that included both television and newspaper interviews, multiple presentations and visits with numerous non-profit and government organizations, a total of 5,000 “File of Life” packets were distributed to all communities within the Williston Basin RC&D Area and provided free to the public.

The County Commissions of Divide, Williams, and McKenzie counties donated funds used to purchase the “File of Life” packets for the three county area. Total hard cost and in-kind value of this project was estimated at \$8,000.



“File of Life” packets distributed at the Divide County Social Services Office. Photo provided by courtesy of the Crosby Journal.