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## **National Dollars for Scholars Founder Comes to North Dakota**

### **Local Dollars for Scholars Volunteers to Be Celebrated**

**Bismarck, ND – September 15, 2008:** North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) will soon be celebrating the dedication of its volunteers across the state, and the program's national founder will take part to thank them in person. Dr. Irving Fradkin, the 87-year old founder of Dollars for Scholars and its parent organization Scholarship America, will speak to more than nearly 200 expected volunteers from North Dakota communities on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at an appreciation luncheon at Best Western Doublewood Inn in Bismarck.

"Starting with just \$1 from Eleanor Roosevelt in 1958, we have generated over \$2 billion for more than one-and-a-half million students, and we plan to give out \$1 billion annually in the foreseeable future," explains Fradkin.

There are now 1,300 chapters in 42 states. Even though Dollars for Scholars is now celebrating 50 years, North Dakota is breaking ground with a first for the non-profit organization.

"North Dakota and Bank of North Dakota is making history," says Fradkin. "North Dakota is the first state in America to have an entity of any kind establish a Dollars for Scholars state office for the benefit of the entire state. The example North Dakota is setting is marvelous. It will help reignite the American Dream."

Fradkin began this program because of his fervent love of country, freedom and democracy, with the dream of building a better America through education.

"Our young people are this country's greatest asset," he says. "If you give them the golden opportunity of education, as well as support, financial assistance, and a dream, there is no limit to what they can achieve."

Dollars for Scholars first began in 1962 in North Dakota. It has grown to 80 chapters who have distributed nearly \$17 million to more than 13,000 North Dakota students.

NDDFS and its partner Bank of North Dakota are hosting the appreciation luncheon. Members of each community chapter have been invited to the event, and those who participate will receive a \$500 scholarship for a student in their communities. Hundreds of North Dakota students have been helped

by deserving volunteers across the state who work tirelessly to help students achieve their dreams of higher education.

“If we work together, we can make a difference,” says Fradkin. “Money is a necessary commodity, but it is the people that make the difference. “

To learn more about North Dakota Dollars for Scholars, visit [www.nddfs.org](http://www.nddfs.org). Dr. Fradkin was once hailed as the “modern day Paul Revere” by *Time* magazine and has an amazing list of accolades and accomplishments. For more information about Dr. Fradkin and Scholarship America, visit <http://scholarshipamerica.org>.

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*Media Note: Dr. Irving Fradkin is available to speak with before or during his visit to North Dakota. For more information, contact NDDFS Director Lori Sayler at 701-328-5702.*