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Community Bankers Raise \$4,290 for Bemidji Nonprofit

Funds and supplies donated to North Homes Children and Family Services will support youth and families across northern Minnesota

Bloomington, Minn., Aug. 25, 2025 – Community bankers from across Minnesota came together during [BankIn Minnesota](#)'s Annual Convention in Bemidji to support [North Homes Children and Family Services](#), raising \$4,290 in financial gifts, along with essential supplies for youth and families.

"This kind of partnership reminds us how much can happen when communities act with intention," said Angie Erickson, director of outreach & communication at North Homes. "The generosity of Minnesota's community bankers means we can meet needs that would otherwise go unmet – whether that's providing backpacks for youth in foster care, adding books to our school libraries, or giving kids in residential treatment the chance to enjoy a special outing. These donations directly touch the lives of the children and families we serve."

BankIn Minnesota selected North Homes as its first-ever community outreach partner for the convention to ensure the gathering left a positive local impact.

"Community banks are rooted in the places we call home," said Patti Coles, BankIn Minnesota's director of member engagement. "Partnering with North Homes was an opportunity to extend that spirit of community care in Bemidji while bringing bankers together from across the state."

North Homes provides trauma-informed mental health, housing, and family support services across northern Minnesota. In 2024 alone, the agency served more than 5,000 children, youth and adults through school-based therapy, outpatient care, foster care, residential treatment and substance use services.

"North Homes Children and Family Services fills critical gaps in mental health care – with a focus on increasing access, trust, and healing for individuals, youth, and families," Erickson added.

Greg Raymo, Chairman and interim president and CEO of BankIn Minnesota, said the partnership reflects the mission community banks live out every day. "Community banks care deeply about the places we call home. Supporting North Homes gave our members a way to invest directly in the well-being of families right in Bemidji while we gathered for our convention."

For those who could not attend the convention but wish to contribute, you can find the Amazon wish list [here](#).

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About BankIn Minnesota:

BankIn Minnesota supports community banks in Minnesota by providing members with the resources and advocacy they need to remain independent, effectively compete in the financial industry, grow their banks, and positively impact the economy in their local communities. The association works toward to be the trusted partner in advancing the success, sustainability, and influence of community banks across Minnesota.