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Today's Program:

Foster Care Update, Natalie Straub, foster care licensing specialist, and Laura Walters, Foster for'em

This week's program:

Growing need for foster care

There is a shortage and a growing need for foster care in Stark County and southwest North Dakota and there's new services working to close some gaps. Our speakers this week are Natalie Straub, foster care licensing specialist at the Roughrider North Human Service Zone, and Laura Beth Walters of Foster for 'em, a new nonprofit.

Last Week:

DSU's Leadership Rising, Red Paper Clip Project

Last week we heard from **Rotarian Steve Easton**, president of Dickinson State University, who told us about a new leadership conference covering leadership, communication and trust building for businesses.



The **Leadership Rising conference** takes place at DSU on April 23, 9 am to 11:30 am, and is bringing in three speakers. Information: reg@dickinsonstate.edu.

Steve also talked about the ninth annual **Red Paper Clip Auction**, a project of DSU's business ethics class. Each student receives a red paper clip and must do a minimum of six increasingly better trades to acquire an item for the auction. So far the auction includes artwork and golf clubs, he said. This year the class selected pet food pantry Furever Full as the recipient of auction funds.

NORTH DAKOTA
FOSTER OR ADOPT

Who do I call if I am interested in providing foster care?

- Children and Family Services Training Center (CFSTC)
- Phone: 1-833-FST-HOME (1-833-378-4663)

Why should I consider providing foster care in my home?

- You want to give back and have a positive impact on the community!
- You have extra space and time to assist in the care of a child in need.
- You have the desire to help families and feel you would be able to offer support.

Today's Meeting:

Greeters: Dawn Pruitt and Rich Wardner

Next week: Paige Hibl and Erv VanVendhuizen

Community Kindness Update: Last month we collected \$260 for bottled water for the summer reading kickoff for the Dickinson Area Public Library! This month's **Community Kindness** will be cash donations for United Way's Empty Bowls fundraiser on May 28, World Hunger Day.

Invocation: We give thanks for the plants and animals who have given themselves for us to enjoy together. We give thanks to our friends who have traveled to be with us today. We give thanks for today. **AMEN**

Coming up:

**May 8: Annual Flower Pot fundraiser.*

**May 15: Rotary Armed Forces Day luncheon at the Biesiot Activities Center.*