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Fong, Breitbach selected as leaders for WWF board of directors

DICKINSON, ND – Carter Fong, a teacher and athletic director in the Trinity Catholic Schools in Dickinson, is the new president of the Western Wellness Foundation (WWF) board of directors.

The WWF is the parent organization of the Best Friends Mentoring Program (BFMP).

A Dickinson native, Fong is a 2002 graduate of Dickinson High School and 2006 graduate of North Dakota State University with majors in history education and social science education. He has served in various leadership and education roles at the Trinity Catholic Schools and was appointed to the WWF board in 2013.

“Carter brings a solid, leadership dynamic to our organization,” said Kris Fehr, executive director. “He’s well known in the community for his strong family roots and investment in our local youth. We are very fortunate to have him as a leader.”

The board also appointed Chase Breitbach as the board’s vice-president. Originally from Oakes, ND, Breitbach is a school social worker and student support liaison at the Dickinson Middle School. A graduate of the University of North Dakota, he is a former Juvenile Court Officer and is active with the Association of Social Workers – North Dakota Chapter. He joined the WWF board in 2016.

“As a young professional, Chase has devoted his career to empowering the future of youth,” said Fehr. “He brings a thoughtful, progressive voice to our board.”

As board members, Fong and Breitbach will help set policy and guide decisions for BFMP, which served more than 130 youth in Dickinson, Hebron, Glen Ullin and New England this past year.

The WWF board of directors also re-elected other community members as officers for 2019, including Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Moberg and Directors Caleb Burgard and Amanda Lindvig.

Since 1995, BFMP has delivered mentoring services to an estimated 3,000 youth aged 6-16 in Dickinson, as well as Stark, Bowman and Morton counties. The organization is one of numerous nonprofits participating on Giving Hearts Day on Thursday, Feb. 14. For more information, visit bestfriendsnd.org or impactgiveback.org.

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