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- City of Belle Fourche
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To our Belle Fourche Economic Development Partners,

Thanks to you, our partners in economic development, we, as a community, were able to accomplish some great things in 2017!

- Our community is growing! Over <u>12 local businesses</u> reinvested with an expansion or revitalization and <u>4 new businesses</u> located in our community in 2017.
- Our emphasis on housing initiatives is producing results. Clean up projects and rehabs of properties
 continues to have an impact in neighborhoods. Single family home permits saw its highest number
 in more than 7 years! 21 new single family homes were built in 2017. We will continue to develop
 programs and incentives to further develop housing conditions in our community.
- In addition, through our partnership with NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources, over <u>48</u> residents in our community were able reinvest in their homes or move towards homeownership.

 That is a significant impact in our community!
- WorkForce development is key to attracting new business and helping our existing businesses thrive.
 We want the best people for the job with the skills to do the work. BFDC is coordinating efforts with
 the Department of Labor, our technical institutes, Belle Fourche High School and employers to
 embolden skill development and job opportunities. We are so blessed with the team heading the
 Career & Technical Education program in our Belle Fourche School District!
- This fall, Leadership Belle Fourche kicked off with 13 community members on the team! Talk about good energy and drive for our community! Watch for exciting news as this crew finishes the program in May.

We welcome you to join our monthly meetings – the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 a.m., 5th & Grant Plaza conference room, 608 5th Avenue. Use the north entrance.

The planned growth in our community with strong collaborative leadership is vitally important to our future success. We appreciate your membership support and look forward to a continued relationship.

Kindest regards,

Hollie Stalder

Executive Director

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