

Melissa Barth

2023 Spirit of Spearfish Award Recipient

For 21 years, Melissa Barth was a shining light for the Chamber and the Spearfish Community. During her time with the Spearfish Chamber, she held four different titles and served as the Executive Director for ten years. Under her leadership, the Chamber was rebranded, advanced the resources offered for businesses and the community, expanded the Leadership Spearfish program, received Site of the Year from Dakota Rising, and created programs to further serve the mission of the Chamber.



Presented by Chis Davis [left], 2022 Spirit of Spearfish Award Recipient

Since coming to Spearfish, Melissa has served on numerous local boards, some of which included United Way of the Black Hills, BHSU Alumni Association, Visit Spearfish, D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery, Black Hills Business Council, Kids Club and the BHSU Presidential Advisory Committee. She has also contributed time to countless organizations and individuals in Spearfish over the years.

If an event was being held in Spearfish, you can count on Melissa being there with a smile on her face and willing to help were needed.

One of Melissa's passions has been Junior Achievement. Since 2014, Melissa has mentored and connected with the youth of Spearfish through this program.

When COVID began, Melissa was instrumental in getting the E-card program going to help support local Spearfish businesses. Whether it was pushing e-cards for takeout options or buying e-cards for business when they reopened.

Her passion for our community continues in a new role but Spearfish and our local area community are better because of her and her volunteerism and engagement.