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NEWS RELEASE: UND STUDENT KATIE JO FLINT, GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, AND UND'S NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WIN NATIONAL AWARD

University of North Dakota student Katie Jo Flint, Grand Forks Community Land Trust and the UND Nonprofit Leadership Program will be awarded the Internship of the Year Award by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA) on January 4 at the annual Alliance Management Institute in Kansas City, MO.

This national award recognizes a singular internship experience through the recognition of the three parties involved: student, campus/executive director, and internship supervisor).

Criteria for the award were as follows:

- *Evidence of the intern's exceptional impact on the host organization and/or the communities/clients that the host organization serves.
- *Evidence that the work of the intern was effective and/or innovative in increasing the capacity of the host organization.
- *Evidence of the internship being a transformative experience for the intern.
- *Evidence of exceptional support and professional development provided by the campus/executive director and internship supervisor.

Flint, a Fargo native, completed her internship in 2010-2011 with Grand Forks Community Land Trust (GFCLT) under the supervision of Executive Director Emily Wright and UND Nonprofit Leadership Program coordinator Heather Helgeson.

GFCLT is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing perpetually affordable homeownership opportunities in the Grand Forks area. Established in late 2010, the organization is the first CLT in North Dakota and will be featured at the 2012 North Dakota Housing Finance Agency Conference as a potential model of providing affordable housing throughout the state. Flint worked with GFCLT throughout its formation process and incorporated the organization alongside Wright. Both are past participants in the UND Nonprofit Leadership Program.

The UND Nonprofit Leadership Program—which is associated with the UND College of Arts and Sciences—offers both an 18 credit Certificate Program and a 21 credit Minor.

The Kansas City, MO-based Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly known as American Humanics) is a national organization that establishes competencies and is affiliated with nonprofit leadership and management programs in colleges and universities across the United States. AMI – the Alliance Management Institute - will bring together nearly 1,000 nonprofit students and practitioners from across the country.

Additional Resources:

Grand Forks Community Land Trust: <http://www.gfclt.org>

UND Nonprofit Leadership Program: <http://und.edu/dept/nlcp/>

Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics): <http://www.humanics.org/>