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## Hess Corporation Donation Brings Prairie Grit Pediatric Therapy to Minot

## **Now Accepting New Patients!**

With substantial support from Hess Corporation, Prairie Grit Pediatric Therapy is ready to open for patients.

Prairie Grit Pediatric Therapy is located within the Minot YMCA. The unique environment is rich with opportunities for movement, sensory input, and learning experiences. The YMCA location provides access for clients to utilize unique spaces including the basketball court, climbing wall, track, swimming pool, and more to make therapy more exciting and applicable to real-world environments. The collaborative goal between Prairie Grit and the YMCA is to create an inclusive and adaptive recreational and therapeutic facility to further establish Minot as a healthy and vibrant community where needs are not only met but exceeded and participation will no longer be limited to those without disabilities.

The gift from Hess of \$36,995 is the primary source of funding for the clinic. Prairie Grit has been busy utilizing the Hess donation purchasing therapy equipment and stocking the clinic with the necessary and fun supplies. The space will host children of all ages from infants to teenagers and extra care was taken to make the space welcoming for all.

"We have worked with Hess on many different projects and are forever grateful for their support," said Krystal Butgereit, MOT, OTR/L, Executive Director of Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports and Occupational Therapist at Prairie Grit Pediatric Therapy. "With Hess's support, we can purchase the supplies we need to help children reach their full potential and have fun doing so. Prairie Grit Pediatric Therapy is a new venture for the organization but will support the work we do, providing opportunities for those living with physical and mental disabilities to enhance their quality of life. Our goal is for individuals of all types not to just exist, but to thrive."

Butgereit is currently the sole therapist and employee of Prairie Grit Pediatric Therapy, but the organization is looking to add to their team to support both the therapy and adaptive sports programs soon.

Brent Lohnes, Hess North Dakota General Manager, said, "The work Prairie Grit does for the region is unparalleled. Our support extends beyond this donation as many of our colleagues participate in and support Prairie Grit activities." Lohnes added, "Hess's mission is to be the most trusted energy partner wherever we operate and positively impact the communities where we live and work. We are proud to support this organization as they expand their programming in the community."

Prairie Grit Therapy is ready to welcome clients to their facility. For more information, to set up an appointment, or for a free screening, visit prairiegrittherapy.com or call 701-838-1080.

## Meet the Therapist Krystal Butgereit, MOT, OTR/L

I received my Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy in 2005 from UND. I am passionate about working with children to make therapy a fun and rewarding experience! I have advanced training in handwriting, aquatic therapy, sensory integration, feeding, self-regulation, and early intervention for autism spectrum disorders. I am excited to provide therapy services within the YMCA, where the possibilities for therapeutic activities are endless! I am also honored to be the Executive Director of Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports. I love being active and outdoors with my husband and two sons, ages 4 and 7. I am excited to meet your child and help them reach their full potential!



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