

Webathon Day Two; matching grant two

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We have seen a great response to the webathon today. Our first pledge grant of the day was met pretty quickly. That's testimony, I think, to the value that you readers place on *NCR*.

I have good news for you who are poised to make the next contribution to *NCR*: We have another matching grant. Tom Bertelsen has pledged to match dollar for dollar the next \$1,000 that come to the webathon. [Double your donation by acting now](#) [1].

You may recognize Tom's name. He has generously endowed the Bertelsen Internship Program at *NCR*, which has brought you such great *NCR* regulars as Joshua J. McElwee, Brian Roewe, Megan Fincher, Mick Forgey (our latest) and so many others. Tom founded the internship program because he believes the future of *NCR* as a journalism enterprise depends on nurturing young, talented reporters, giving them experience and a place to ply their trade. Tom deserves our deep thanks for the internship program.

But his support doesn't stop there because *NCR* is an ongoing enterprise. He wants to ensure future interns have a place to learn by ensuring *NCR*'s future. That's why we need your help today. We must raise \$100,000 this week to meet our funding needs for this year.

The money you send won't go to extras: no cushy new chairs for the editors or plush carpets for our office. The money you pledge today goes to keep our reporters in the field so they can bring you stories like [Dan Morris-Young's update on Bend, Ore.](#) [2], or Brian Roewe's update on [depositions in sex abuse cases](#) [3] out of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese.

If that kind of reporting is important to you, [please be generous in your donations](#) [1] today. (And act now and you can [double your gift](#) [1] through the matching grant.)

We only come to you like this one week a year. The other 51 weeks a year, you have unfettered access to the news, analysis and commentary that you value so much.

[Help us](#) [4] meet this goal -- or, better yet, surpass it -- and we'll go back to unrestricted access to the reporting, analysis and commentary you have come to expect from *NCR*.

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