Thank You to our Women's Journey & Man Up Sponsors!

The following individuals/businesses/organizations sponsored tables for either the Women's Journey or the Stand Up/Man Up event. We are so thankful for their support of Northlands Rescue Mission and the clients we serve. We appreciate their support, and we know they would appreciate your business.

Women's Journey

- Bremer Bank
- David & Judith Konerza
- Freedom Church
- Ken & Judy Schuster
- Shine The Light, Inc./Your QFM Radio Station
- Wes & Vivian Rydell
- Jack & Joey Muus
- Sharon Opdahl, Agent, State Farm Insurance
- Noel & Sue Shirek
- Cavalier Thrift Store
- Hepper Olson Architects
- Al Palmer

Stand Up Man Up

- Treuer Consulting
- Freedom Church

If you would like to support the work of the Mission by sponsoring a table at an upcoming event, please contact **Cindy at 701-772-6600 EXT 211**.

2018 STATS

Over **21,000 bags of food** were distributed through our Backpack Program for Kids during the 2017-2018 school year.

More than **4200 volunteer hours** were donated by our volunteers during the last year.

Over **150 clients** have had **positive housing outcomes** since October of 2017, and these clients are no longer homeless.

Northlands Rescue Mission

WHERE HOPE BEGINS

2018 Summer Newsletter

When people need help, they usually have family and friends who are able to step in. ***So many of our clients do not have that type of support.*** They often have family or friends that live thousands of miles away, are not able to help, or have passed away.

Our clients come to us ready to work hard and get back on their feet. ***Each person just needs a second chance and most importantly needs someone who will listen to them without judgment, and not give up on them.***

Robert, a recent client, has come to the Mission two times. Both times he came as a result of unfortunate and challenging circumstances. Robert talks about his situation and is happy the Mission has been here for him to get the encouragement and guidance he needs. ***"It's a good place to be able to regroup."***

Robert's family who would usually help him out have passed away. He talks about his parents, ***"My mother, if you needed to, you could live with her or something, or even my dad when he was in the same neighborhood."***

Today, your gift of $40 or more will give Robert and many other people the support they need to "regroup." When you have no one else and tough times strike, Northlands Rescue Mission can help you, "Begin Again."

When asked about tough times, Robert answered, ***"it can happen to anybody. Millionaires go broke. Nobody escapes the trials of life. It doesn't matter how much money you have. Things can go wrong."***

Because of you, they are able to get back on their feet in a matter of months instead of years.

Sometimes it just takes a few weeks.

Robert says it best, "But basically, this is, to me, a place to regroup and get your head back together and ... Many times, people when they first are coming in, they need some rest for a few days or a week or something...And then you need to go out there and pursue those things."

You can help Robert and others pursue a better life for themselves.

Will you consider sending a gift today?

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*Northlands Rescue Mission is blessed with the support of so many amazing donors, and some of them are **younger** than you may think!*

Elementary school-aged friends Alyvia Quibell, Paige Morris, Taylor Hermanson, Jocelyn Vold, and Alyssa Hoyles were together in Grand Forks one weekend for a birthday party. Inspired by another friend's recent generous project, they decided they would like to do something to help homeless people. So they compiled a list of crafts that each of them knew how to make and could sell at their upcoming School Book Fair.

The girls' parents supported their daughters' efforts, thinking they would raise $20 or so, but wanting to support their generous hearts. To their parents' surprise, these friends ended up making a donation of $650 to Northlands Rescue Mission from their work!

We are so thankful for the time and effort they put into this project and thankful that so many friends like you do the same!

***Creative ways to do good works** for the Northlands Rescue Mission:*

- Consider making recurring donations that automatically come out of your bank account or credit card.
- Invite us to speak at a church service, conference, service club, or other meeting or event.
- Throw a shower for needs of the Mission and our outgoing clients.
- Donate a load of grain.
- Consider an endowment or add to the Trankina Endowment, which is maintained through the Community Foundation of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.
- Consider adding the Mission to your will, so that YOUR good works will continue!
- Continue to be a kind face to our clients as they move out into the community.
- Pray for our staff, clients, donors, board members, other volunteers, and our government leaders.

*By all these things, I have shown you that by working in this way we must help the weak, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' **Acts 20:35***

A Letter From:

Sue Shirek, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are so pleased that you are a vital part of the work of Northlands Rescue Mission. Thank you to those of you who have donated your time, talents, and financial resources. We are also partnering with other agencies, landlords, and employers which is making a huge difference in the lives of our clients. Whatever your interaction has been, it has made a difference in the lives of our clients. We are all called to serve, and we are all called in different ways to use our own unique gifts and talents.

This summer, I witnessed two occasions where serving others was celebrated. The first was at the wedding of two young family friends. They exchanged their vows, and in front of friends and family, washed each other's feet. What a wonderful and beautiful act of love! Not only does this have a reference to being cleansed from sin, but it is about seeking to support each other through acts of humility and love.

I also attended the memorial service for a man who lived a life of service to God, family, and his community. It was a beautiful tribute to a man who gave so much of himself to others for 94 years. His life was honorable, and the love he shared with others was so apparent.

Thinking of these two celebrations leads me to think about how each of you has served the Lord by serving the least of our brothers and sisters. You have all played a part in helping over 150 people find a home in recent months. You have helped reduce homelessness in our region. For that, we are so thankful.

We could not do the work we do without your assistance. We ask that you continue to support the work of the Mission. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. Your actions and your donations are creating so much positive change. TOGETHER we are God's hands and feet in our communities.

May your days be blessed, and may you continue to bless others.

Sincerely,

Sue Shirek

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