Dear Friends,

Thank you to all our kind and generous donors who blessed us over the Christmas season and on Giving Hearts Day. Your gifts have been instrumental in helping the Mission do the powerful work that God has called us to do.

The work that takes place every day in the Mission has produced phenomenal results. Since October, we’ve had over 90 people move out of the Mission with positive outcomes. These include moving into permanent housing, reuniting with family, etc.

As our clients move out, they leave the title of “homeless” behind. They also leave behind the stigma of being homeless. They carry out a small load of belongings, and they carry with them the title of “housed”. Just like that, they become regular community members, no longer homeless, and certainly not hopeless.

I recently spoke to a class at UND, and I asked how many of them know someone with a mental illness (depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, etc.) or with an addiction problem. I asked who knew someone who had lost a job, gone to jail, struggled with family issues like divorce, the death of a spouse, significant medical problems...Every student knew someone in their world who had struggled with one or more of these issues.

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These are the kinds of issues that bring people to the Mission. When our clients leave the Mission and return to their own homes, they may still be struggling with depression, health issues, broken families, etc., but they now have connections to support. They have a fresh start. They become one of us.

Your gifts, the work of our staff, the work of the clients themselves, the partnerships with other agencies, independent landlords, and employers, are what makes this beautiful transition happen. We are so thankful to be a part of such amazing work, and we are so blessed to have your support and prayers.

Thank you and God bless,

Sue Shirek,
Executive Director

Current Needs

- Butter
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Coffee
- Air mattresses
- Linens
- Towels
- Pots and pans (to help our clients as they move out into their own homes)

*Items can be ordered on Amazon, and the products shipped directly to the Mission at 420 Division Ave, Grand Forks, ND.*

In addition, items may be purchased through Amazon Smile to benefit the Mission twice!

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“My dad was an alcoholic...”

Thank you for being a faithful partner in helping men and women who are experiencing hardship and homelessness make a positive change in their lives. They come through our doors desiring employment, stable housing... opportunities for a better life.

That is where you step in. Your generosity gives people time to work with our social workers and case managers. Together, we are able to help them overcome problems they have been facing for years. None of this would be possible without your support.

A gift today of $40 can make the difference for people like Irma.

Irma’s mother left when she was only 12 and Irma began taking care of her younger siblings. “My dad was an alcoholic, but he worked.”

“I would wake up at four or five in the morning, make dad’s lunch for work, get the kids ready and go to school, come home and make supper, care for the house, and get them their baths.”

Irma got married at 15 and had her four children by the age of 20. “I was married eight years the first time, and ten the second time, both very abusive, but I always had a place to live,” Irma says.

Irma is working with our social work staff to access community support and searching for work. Irma serves as dorm monitor for the women staying at the mission. She tries to encourage each of them.

“Beautiful, they’re all beautiful people,” she says.

Irma and many others are moving forward into our community with housing, the support they need, and most of all hope. You make this life-changing experience possible, and we are so thankful for all you have done for Irma and countless others.

A gift today of $40 or more will give people like Irma the opportunity to have a much better life.
**EVENTS**

**Women’s Journey**  
**June 7, 2018**

Please join us for our Women’s Journey Luncheon at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. Individual tickets or table sponsorships will be available for purchase after April 15th by contacting Northlands Rescue Mission at 701-772-6600, or by visiting northlandsrescuemission.org. Proceeds will support the women in our shelter who are seeking to move into homes of their own.

Please join us for a wonderful lunch, an inspirational message, and an opportunity to empower and raise up women who are homeless.

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**Make The Mission Concert**

**Featuring the UND Jazz Ensembles**

The University of North Dakota and the Department of Music invite you to “Make the Mission,” a concert and fundraiser for the Northlands Rescue Mission featuring The UND Jazz Ensembles playing the music of Buddy Rich, “the greatest drummer ever to have drawn breath.”

**Silent Auction 7pm**  
**Concert 8pm**

**Tuesday April 17th**  
**Chester Fritz Auditorium**  
**3475 University Ave, Grand Forks, ND**

**Tickets are $5, revenue from ticket sales will cover costs for the UND Jazz Ensembles.**

A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Mission, and all proceeds from the silent auction will also benefit the Mission. We are currently seeking items for the silent auction. If you would like to donate an item, please call __________ at __________

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