



# Northlands Rescue Mission

WHERE HOPE BEGINS

## 2021 Spring Update



Hope is a favorite word of ours. We feel it now that the end of the pandemic appears to grow closer. This last year could have been a disastrous time for the Mission. Instead, you helped the doors stay open so that our work for the homeless and hungry could continue. More than that, you helped us expand our services and reach more people than ever before. Our daily meals have increased. We have expanded our food box hours and Mobile Food Pantry locations. The children's Backpack Program has continued without interruption.

God has blessed us with the opportunity to serve and to help guide our communities through the pandemic and beyond. Thank you sincerely for your faith, your generosity, and your involvement in the Mission's work, which matters so much to so many.

### Mission Accomplished!

Let's check in with our clients whose stories we shared recently:



**Stephen** decided to seek help with his PTSD. He traveled all the way from New Mexico to find treatment. Stephen is now housed and employed in the Mission's office, where he assists current clients.

After caring for his sick father full-time, **Rich**'s future work plans were upended by the pandemic. After a brief stay at the Mission, Rich now has a local manufacturing job and his own housing!



**Thomas** put his past behind him and quickly found a job at a local restaurant. Now, he has his own apartment, too! "I'm trying to get a few more things for my place, but I'm doing good!" he told us.

We are blessed to be able to share that clients are moving into permanent housing at a 68% rate this year, the highest we have on record.

**January:** 22 move-outs

**February:** 20 move-outs

**March:** 26 move-outs



During the pandemic, our **lobby** has served as a safe environment for at-risk community members. Protective barriers, temperature checks, and regular disinfecting eliminates the risk of COVID.

This six-space setup has allowed us to work closely and safely with individuals who are dealing with substance abuse or behavioral issues.

We remain committed to providing a safe, warm space for all individuals in our community.



### The Essentials

Your item donations continue to be an important lifeline for Mission clients. A few of our biggest needs are listed below. For a complete list, visit us online!

- Toilet paper
- Body Wash
- Dishes, plates, dining sets



Donations may be brought to our front office at any time. If you would like to make a contactless donation, please call us at (701) 772-6600 ext. 209. Thank you!

## GIVING HEARTS DAY 2021 RECAP

We set a big goal of \$75,000 for Giving Hearts Day this year. Why so much? We knew how compassionate our supporters are, and we knew that money could impact thousands of people through our outreach programs. Not only did we meet our goal, we exceeded it for a jaw-dropping \$93,633 raised! Thank you so much to the kind folks who donated to help our clients. As seen through our #MoreThanJustAShelter campaign, your gifts will reach people through our Mobile Pantry, Backpack Program, family advocacy, in-house services, and daily meals/food boxes.



# Community Kindness

...follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for stories like this every week!



Local student Cullen asked for **birthday Mission donations**. He wasn't expecting such a HUGE pile of donated goods, plus \$225! Thank you to Cullen and to all the donors for showing a heap of kindness!



Students and staff from Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks sent some homemade **Valentine's Day cards** and treats for our clients. Clients loved the cards, and the delicious treats didn't last long!



Jhazlyn and Isaac had a great idea for their **DECA project**: sell cupcakes to promote a local business, and raise money for the Mission at the same time. This project helped them qualify for the state competition!



An anonymous donor dropped off 165 **sausage McMuffins** for an unexpected treat! Our clients loved the change of pace from the normal breakfast options. Special thank you to the McDonalds staff!



Kaileigh is a girl scout from Grafton. With the help of some friends, she handmade more than 150 **tie blankets** for Mission clients over a couple of summers! Thank you for warming our clients and our hearts!



T.J. Maxx donated hundreds of bottles of hand **sanitizer**, **wipes**, and disposable **masks**. They even had children's face masks for us to include in Backpack Program food bags. Amazing!

## A Legacy of Hope...

Planned giving is a great way to make a lasting impact on the organizations and values you care about most. It is also a powerful way to honor a loved one. We offer a number of planned giving options, which may include tax-related benefits. Many of our supporters choose to include the Mission in their will, ensuring a meaningful impact on the people who need our services in the future. A will gift is only one planned giving option, however! **LIFE INSURANCE • CHARITABLE TRUSTS • WILL GIFTS • ANNUITIES** If you would like to learn more about our planned giving options, please call (701) 772-6600 ext. 200.



### Northlands Rescue Mission **Mulligan Classic**

**When:** Thursday, June 10th

**What:** Join us for a 18-hole golf scramble at the beautiful King's Walk golf course! Participate in contests and purchase mulligans to give your team an edge. Dinner included!

*Upcoming  
Events!*

### **Home Run**

**When:** Saturday, August 28th

**What:** The Home Run returns in-person this year! Register for a 5k Walk/Run, a 25-mile Bike Race, or a 100km Bike Ride. Afterwards, enjoy lunch and live music in front of the Mission!

**Event info & registration online at [northlandsrescuemission.org](http://northlandsrescuemission.org)**

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