



# Northlands Rescue Mission

WHERE HOPE BEGINS

## 2020 Spring Update



It's been a difficult few months, but the mission continues! Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the Mission has remained open, with all essential services available. Please know that we are continuing to take extra precautions, ensuring that masks are worn at all times and surfaces are disinfected regularly. A work structure has been developed between the Mission, the Grand Forks Health Department, Spectra Health, and Altru Health System to deal with the current crisis and safely handle any individuals displaying COVID-19 symptoms. In the meantime, clients still have access to food, shelter, clothing, hygiene products, shower/laundry facilities, and the Mission's advocacy team.

With your support, we are also working hard to meet the increased demand for food assistance. Community meals, food boxes, the Mobile Food Pantry, and the Backpack Program are still going, with necessary precautions in place. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, we pray that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for supporting the Mission and the community in a time of need. We are all in this together.

### The Work Continues!

We are excited to say that despite the unique challenges of 2020, clients are still moving into their own homes! After basic client safety, housing remains our top priority. In fact, helping a client get housed may be the best thing we can do for their well-being at this time. We are encouraged by the continued efforts of our advocacy team, local landlords & agencies, and clients themselves. Together, we are finding a sensible and safe path forward for each individual at the Mission.

**January:** 27 move-outs

**February:** 23 move-outs

**March:** 37 move-outs

**April:** 28 move-outs

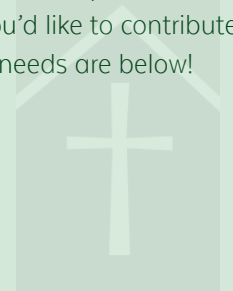


### How You Can Help

We have been blessed by the support the Mission has received since the outbreak. Your monetary donations are providing food and basic resources for clients, but also for local families who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. If you are able to, we hope you'll consider making a small donation via the included slip or online at [northlandsrescuemission.org](http://northlandsrescuemission.org). If you'd like to contribute directly, the Mission's most pressing needs are below!

- Masks
- Toilet paper
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer

Donations may be brought directly to our front office. If you would prefer to avoid entering the building, please leave items on the curb and give us a call at (701) 772-6600 ext. 209. Thank you!



## GIVING HEARTS DAY 2020 RECAP

Our HEARTS are full! On Giving Hearts Day 2020, hundreds of you donated to provide a safe place and a path forward for homeless men, women, and families. In total, more than \$54,000 was raised for the Mission! This money is a lifeline for those we serve – it provides access to food, shelter, clothing, and social support. As we grapple with the challenges of a pandemic, these resources are more important now than ever before. Thanks to your generosity on Giving Hearts Day and year-round, we will continue to lift up our friends and neighbors in need!



# Community Kindness

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



Saint Paul's Episcopal Church sent over some brand new **tables and chairs**! They've gone to clients who have moved into their own homes, giving them a bit of a head start. Thank you, Saint Paul's!



Before the nice weather set in, our local Wal-Mart brought us many boxes of brand new **hats, gloves, and scarves**. Those that weren't used right away went into Rescued Treasures for future clients!



What a treat! Boss' Pizza & Chicken in Grand Forks delivered some **free pizzas** for our clients to enjoy! On top of that, they gave us free pizza coupons to include in community food boxes!



So many **Backpack Program meals**! A big thank you to United Way, American Crystal Sugar, Rydell Cars, and the YMCA for their donations and food drives. Nearly 750 local children will benefit!



We were sent **\$1100 worth of food** by a donor whose children used to be in the Backpack Program. "I have not always been in a place to help like this, so it is important to me to give back," they told us. Thank you!



We asked the community for **masks** to protect clients and staff. The response was immediate and incredible - thank you Xcel Energy, Spectra Health, and all the individuals who donated!

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### Night Out

**When:** July 1st to July 31st

**What:** Spend a night outside, then document it in a personal Facebook fundraiser to raise awareness about unsheltered homelessness!



**When:** Thursday, September 10th

**What:** Join us for a golf scramble & dinner at the beautiful King's Walk golf course! Individuals and teams are welcome.

For more information, please visit us online at [northlandsrescuemission.org/events](http://northlandsrescuemission.org/events)

## The Rescued Treasures Auction

**When:** Mon. August 3rd to Fri. August 7th

**What:** Participate in a week-long online auction to raise money for client housing services!



**When:** Saturday, September 12th

**What:** Move for the Mission at the second annual Home Run! Walk, run, or bike in one of three events.

Upcoming Events!

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