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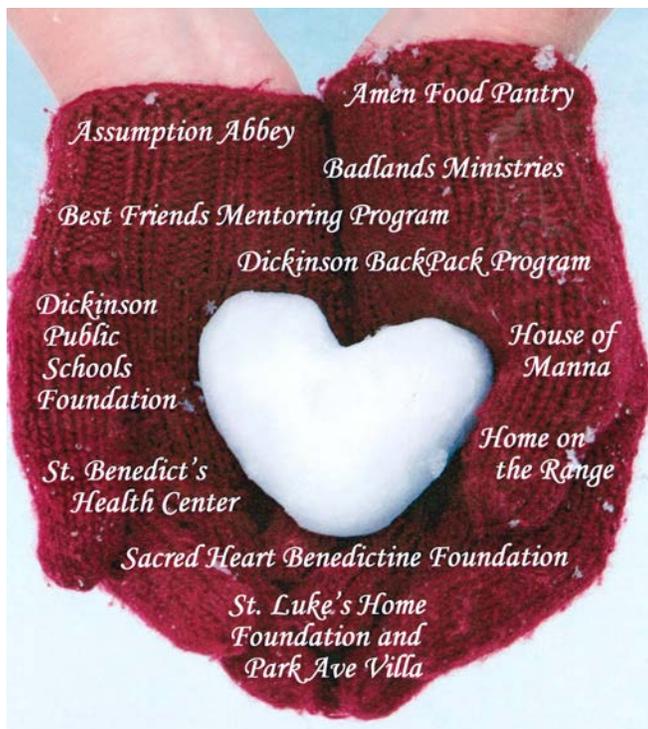
Giving Hearts Day “Pledge from the Edge” February 12, 2015

Our second annual Giving Hearts Day is less than two weeks away—February 12! Of the 553 registered nonprofits on impactgiveback.org, there are 11 that directly serve southwestern North Dakota thanks to Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) and the Impact Foundation's invitation to join last year and expand this year. While the nonprofits are on the website and open for donations throughout the year, Giving Hearts Day offers the opportunity to enhance the donations earned February 12 with matching funds and participation prize awards.

Last year was the first year eight of us in western North Dakota received an invitation to join this one-day, annual fundraiser thanks to a Bush Foundation grant; this year we are eleven. Last year we amazed ourselves with what we received; this year we want to impress everyone else! With this dynamic collaboration we have every right to expect great things.

We have formed “Pledge from the Edge,” a very active group collaboration with other charities here in southwestern North Dakota. It is so good to be a part of a group who shares our values and works to serve the needs of others in such a variety of ways. As individual charities, we cannot fill everyone's needs, but with your support of our group, we can do so much more for so many more. As Benedictines we believe in community: no one is sufficient by oneself but as a whole community we can fulfill the Christian ideal.

We ask your support of our **Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation** and of all these worthy area charities on Giving Hearts Day so we can each fulfill our contribution to serve real needs here in southwestern North Dakota. While most of the charities are located in Dickinson they have wide reach in their service: the **AMEN Food Pantry**, **House of Manna**, **Best Friends Mentoring**, **Dickinson Backpack**, **the Dickinson Public Schools Foundation**, **St. Benedict's Health Center** and **St. Luke's Home**. In the outlying areas are **Badlands Ministries** and **Home on the Range** on the western edge and **Assumption Abbey** and **Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation** here in Richardton. With your gifts we can, together, meet basic human needs, help form and protect our youth, enhance the lives of all ages by nourishing bodies, minds and spirits.



Through the **Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation**, we here at Sacred Heart Monastery can continue to ensure a prayerful, sacred presence and space for those who desire spiritual quiet, refreshment and hospitality apart from the busy world. Like the Benedictine monks at **Assumption Abbey**, we live by the Benedictine values of prayer, work, hospitality and good stewardship of all resources. Our brother monks have joined Giving Hearts this year. Assumption Abbey is more than just a landmark; it is a community of Benedictine monks who are praying and serving in varied ways to sanctify time, place and people.

The **AMEN Food Pantry** serves the basic need for food. With the expanded population and rising prices in our area, good nutrition is both a challenge and a worthy goal. **The House of Manna** is a Christian, non-denominational, non-profit, charitable organization working to provide those in need with donated items to enhance their quality of life. What began with one caring person who reached out to people left bereft by a fire has grown to a vital ministry to help those who have more to share with those who have less.

Best Friends Mentoring Program pairs good mentors with youth who benefit greatly from the companionship and guidance of someone upon whom they can count to be there for them. It offers a great opportunity for the better future for both the youth and the mentors.

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How sweet was the sound at the Amazing Grace Event!

Celebrate the West 2014, Amazing Grace, was truly more than we imagined. From the gathering of the committee for the first meeting in March to the last auction item purchased the night of the event, we were amazed and humbled by the generosity. Oh, the generosity in time, talents and treasures!

Bless those who gave *time* by coming to the planning meetings, gathered basket items for the auction, worked at the event; those who came to the event; and those who prayed for its success.

Bless those who gave their *talent* by coordinating the advertising, preparing the food, and decorating for the evening.

Bless those who gave their *treasures* in donating auction items and cash and those who purchased raffle and event tickets, baskets and playing poker.

We thank you all! We especially thank our committee from the bottom of our hearts. The Sisters have been blessed by an amazing group of people who have stuck by them in pulling together the Celebrate the West events over the past 19 years. Some of them have graced with their presence since the beginning in 1996; some were only on for a year or two, or three or five or ten. Regardless of the number of years the efforts of these men and women have not gone unnoticed, and their talents are “amazing!” To our ever faithful auctioneer and his wife, Ross and Sheri Glass, thank you, thank you, for gracing us with your presence for so many years!

Grace is God’s unmerited favor; grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve! “Grace is a room of a thousand mirrors, all reflecting the face of Christ” (Beth Moore).



Celebrate the West 2014 opened the evening with a rousing poker hand for the Texas Holdem Poker Set. The winner is not visible but accepted the win with grace.



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The Dickinson Backpack Program provides students in need with nutritious, easy to prepare meals and snacks for the weekend. For less than \$5 a weekend, young students have a reliable source of good food when they are not in school. The mission of the **Dickinson Public Schools Foundation, Inc.** is to feed young minds by providing financial support of unique, challenging, innovative projects and programs which will enhance educational excellence and empower students to succeed in life.

St. Benedict's Health Center and **St. Luke's Home**, each with their own Foundations, serve those in need of extended healthcare. St. Benedict's is a member of the Benedictine Health System whose mission is to witness God's love by providing compassionate, quality care with special concern for the underserved and those in need. St. Luke's and Park Avenue Villa, in partnership with area churches and communities, have provided a high standard of care with respect for the seniors and families they serve.

On the western edge, **Home on the Range** is a therapeutic, working ranch in western ND licensed to care for 54 boys and girls, ages twelve to nineteen. The Home provides education, therapy, spiritual guidance as well as recreational and work activities for these youth. **Badlands Ministries** in Medora has become a haven for spiritual and recreational adventures to help people of all ages reconnect with God, others and nature. Nestled in the rustic beauty of the Badlands, all generations are welcome to be renewed in Christ.

All of these charities are worthy of your consideration for this Giving Hearts Day. The website impactgiveback.org has proven itself year after year. In 2008 it raised \$479,000 for charity; in 2014 it raised almost \$5.7 million! Donating is safe, easy and as rewarding for the donor as for those who benefit. Just go to **impactgiveback.org on February 12** and find us there.

You will soon be receiving a postcard about this event and we are advertising widely. You can see a video of our Pledge from the Edge group on YouTube at the following web address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tc-JkB8ey2M>.



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Mission Statement
Benedictine Sisters of Richardton

We are a vibrant community of Catholic Benedictine women who strive to deepen our relationship with God and one another through sharing the spiritual and material gifts God has given to us on this prairie.



All are welcome!

In celebration of the Church Year of the Consecrated Life, we at Sacred Heart Monastery and Assumption Abbey invite you to an open house on Sunday, March 1, 1:00-3:00 MST. We will offer opportunities to visit with us who live the monastic life, tours and refreshments.

Prayer is powerful. It is not a magic wand that makes life give us what we want, but it does lead us to trust God enough to live through whatever is asked of us. Prayer shared is prayer increased, so we ask that you let us share in yours.

We again offer lovely, limited edition 3" x 3" cobalt blue votive candle holders crafted and etched with the Monastery bell tower logo to bear your prayer intention throughout the Lent through Easter Sunday 2015. For a donation of \$100 or more, a votive candle will be identified with your named

intention and set in our sanctuary and lit every Saturday evening for First Vespers throughout Lent until Easter 2015. We are visually reminded to pray for your intentions at our Divine Office and Eucharist.

When the season ends, we send you the "well-used" votive candle holder so that you can continue the prayers for your intention. It is an exquisite candle holder that serves as a beautiful reminder of the power of prayer.





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