

Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation



WINTER AND
SPRING 2014

SACRED HEART MONASTERY ~ SUBIACO MANOR
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What an Opportunity for Doing Good for You, Us, Others!

We have received a fantastic invitation and we hope you join us!

Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) and Impact Foundation began Giving Hearts Day in 2008, mostly for the eastern part of ND and western MN. This year they received a Bush grant to expand into western ND and we are among a select few who have been invited to participate this year at no cost, but with great benefit. All funds raised for us online on Thursday, February 13, (providing we can get at least \$2500 and the gifts are \$10 or more) will be matched up to \$4000! Each donation is tax-deductible and if you choose make a donation honoring someone (everyone has someone who has a giving heart), you can send an e-card telling them of this donation. Please go online and support us on February 13—any time in those 24 hours.

Some of you may be unfamiliar with or just plain leery of online donations; for others, this is the only way they give. Let us try to help you find a way to support us, and perhaps other non-profit charities, this Giving Hearts Day 2014.

First of all, DMF and Impact Foundation have as their mission to build a website of non-profit entities that serve in North Dakota and western Minnesota—a sort of one-stop shopping site to connect donors with regional non-profits in service to the area. The site is up all year (www.impactgiveback.org) but Giving Hearts Day seeks to inspire people to give to worthy organizations and makes it easy to give more by offering matching funds.

This year Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation was invited to participate with a membership-cost waiver for 2014 (what a gift!). Other notable non-profits who have joined from western North Dakota include Badlands Ministry, Best Friends Mentoring Program, Dickinson Public School Backpack Program, Dickinson State University, Home on the Range, House of Manna, and St. Luke's Foundation. We have joined the great company of non-profits which include Catholic Charities, St. Gianna's Maternity Home, Presentation Prayer Center, etc. If you have never given online, this is definitely the safe place to start! If you have given online before, this is definitely a site to bookmark.

Since the site's beginning in 2008, giving has grown every year. Last year, with matching funds, the non-profits raised \$1,060,715! Giving Hearts Day, February 13, is a great day for giving "with a boost," but it must be a credit card donation online for us to get the matching funds.

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“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.”

The above quote was the inspiration for our 2013 Celebrate the West event, so the theme “Blessings” grew from that quote. It was an easy theme to think about as the Sisters are blessed by our donors who partner in prayer and in donations of precious time, amazing talent and awesome gifts!

Blessings started pouring in once the committee met and continued through the night of the event. The room looked beautiful, the baskets were all decorated; the staff at the Elks Lodge served a delicious meal. What more would make the night a huge success? The game, of course! The evening concluded with the annual Nuns on the Run game where the Sisters moved from one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit to the other. Six of the Sisters were up for auction to vie, by the roll of the die, to see who would be first to get through each of the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Sister Paula Larson, prioress, came out the winner this year! The Sisters thank you for your continued support of this fun evening.

April Showers 2014

We have all heard that April showers bring those flowers in May, but April Showers can also bring you a bouquet of cash. Each day in April one lucky winner will receive \$50 in cash and on April 15 the winnings are fivefold at \$250.

... there shall be showers of blessings (Ezekiel 34:26)

Your entry form will be mailed in March!

Thank you all for your continued support of this fundraiser!

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Calling All Giving Hearts!

Have a heart-to-heart with the nonprofits at www.impactgiveback.org and feel the joy of giving.

Make **February 13** a great one for all those who have a need, offer a service, and work to make the world a better place.

While you are there, please remember Sacred Heart Benedictine Foundation. May God bless you!

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Everyone can do something. First and foremost, please spread the word of this charitable opportunity far and wide on your social page and through email. We will make the easy for you on our website (www.sacredheartmonastery.com) by providing a short email for you to copy, paste and send to your friends and family. From our homepage you can click on to our Facebook page, “like” us, and the word spreads even further.

If you do not have access to a computer, let us offer you some options so you can do an online donation. First, you can ask someone who has a computer to give you access or have them do it for you. Second, you can go to the public library as most have computers available, go to the donation site (www.impactgiveback.org), click on the “donate” tab, click on the letter of the first word (ours would be S so please start there) of a charity to which you would like to donate. Third, locally you can come to the monastery (we offer coffee and cookies too!).

Forgive the trite, but it is true: “Where there’s a will, there’s a way.” Give Sister Renée or Ila a call at the monastery if you have not found a way. Make February 13 the special day to be a giving heart.

February 13, 2014: Go to www.impactgiveback.org to give.

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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.



*Light up our chapel,
light up your hearts*

As you are well aware, we believe in the power of prayer. We appreciate it when people call or write us with their prayer needs because it is one of our major offerings as monastic women. Years ago we had some lovely 3” x 3” cobalt blue votive candle holders crafted that are etched with the Monastery bell tower logo.

For the last couple of years we have offered these prayer candles to you as a way to remember a loved one, honor a deserving person, anticipate a newborn, or pray for a special intention. Perhaps you know someone who is suffering the loss of a loved one, dealing with family problems, suffering with illness, struggling to earn a living, or is simply in need of the power prayer can wield. 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 and Easter 2014. We are visually reminded to pray for your intentions at our Divine Office and Eucharist.

When the Easter 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 holder that serves as a beautiful reminder of the power of prayer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Intention to be placed on the votive candle: _____

Such as: Jim and Joan Wilson Family, My mother Mary Smith, For World peace, etc.

Limited to 36 characters.

Send to: SHBF
PO Box 364
Richardton, ND 58652