

A Place of Grace & Healing.

A Day for You to Make a Life Changing Impact

How you and GivingHeartsDay.org can make
a life changing impact.



If I told you that you could impact thousands of lives in just one day, would you be interested?

Giving Hearts Day is a day where you can make a life changing impact in just minutes.

Here is what you need to know:

♥ On February 9 you have 24 hours to give and watch your gift make an amazing impact in your community.

♥ A few of our generous supporters will match your donations up to \$15,000. (The match amount may increase!)

♥ You can give online at GivingHeartsDay.org or you can mail in your check, dated February 9, 2017. Checks must be received before or on February 9.

What kind of impact will you be making? We asked a few community members that same thing and they gave us inspiring answers.

“What does it mean to have Valley Christian Counseling Center?”

I regularly meet with people looking for hope in life's dark valleys. Having a professional team at VCCC has proved to be a tremendous

resource personally and for our faith community.

I know when I send a person to Valley they will find hope and peace in the person of Jesus.”

- Pastor Jonas Bundy, Bethel Church

“Over 25 years ago a pastor of a larger church in our denomination called and asked me if I knew of a good Christian counselor to refer someone to. The closest one that I knew was in Fergus Falls.

How grateful I am today that when caring for those in our congregation we can refer with confidence to Valley Christian Counseling Center.

We see them as a partner in caring for the greater community and are so thankful for God's provision of Dan and the gifted staff of Christian counselors.

We regularly refer men, women, and children to Valley and are glad that we can do so with the assurance that the care they receive comes from the perspective of our faith.

- Jeff Seaver, Lead Pastor, Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church

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Exciting Challenges Lie Ahead

Your support is critical in providing crucial help to our growing community.

For Valley Christian Counseling Center 2016 was an exciting year and it was also very challenging.

Extreme growth in the amount of people we served was the exciting part. It was also the challenging part. **From January through the end of the year we saw record numbers of people who were in need of help.**

That is what we are here for. We have many dedicated counselors who stepped up to the task and helped many hurting people.

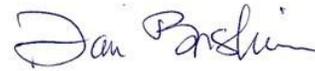
Our challenge was utilizing the limited amount of space we have to see so many people.

As we grow the percentage of people who need financial assistance for their counseling was also higher than usual.

That is where you can help. As we approach Giving Hearts Day you can help us meet that growing demand.

Your Giving Hearts donations will provide our family, friends, and neighbors the help they are desperately searching for. Our desire is to never have to turn someone away just because of finances.

Please remember us on Giving Hearts Day. Thanks again for your faithful giving in the past.



Dan Borsheim, CEO



P.S. I look forward to you helping us reach , and hopefully exceed, our Giving Hearts Day goal of \$40,000.

In this past year, 2015 to 2016, Valley saw a growth of 27%.



When you give, she receives a safe place to dispel fear and grasp onto love.

Your gift of \$10 or more on Giving Hearts Day will make a life changing impact. We have generous supporters who are excited to match your gifts, up to \$15,000*, on February 9.

**Match amount may increase!*

Get Fired Up!

Let's get fired up! An event to get your mouth and your heart warmed up to make a big impact in your community.

Polish your silver and bring your best soup spoon, we are bringing you the **Battle of the Churches Chili Cook Off for the second year in a row!** We are kidding about bringing spoons, of course. We will provide all you will need to enjoy this great event.

This great event will encourage friendly competition between churches in the community to raise awareness for our organizations and Giving Hearts Day. Giving Hearts Day is important to each and every one of us as it helps us better use our ministries to serve the greater Fargo/Moorhead area.



You Are Invited!

What: Battle of the Churches Chili Cookoff,

Enjoy a bowl of chili (or two!) and vote on your favorite. Churches will be battling for your votes.

When: Giving Hearts Day, February 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church, South Campus

Entertainment: Children's games, live music, and door prizes add to the fun.

Judges: Our guest judges this year are the **Linebenders Improv Comedy Troupe**. They will be tasting chili and tickling our funny bones with family friendly entertainment.

Hosted by: Valley Christian Counseling Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship of Fargo/Moorhead, Christian Family Life Services, and The Perry Center.

We are excited to see you there.

Computers will be available at the event for online donating convenience.

Your gift makes a life changing impact through our organizations. We hope you will join us as we warm our mouths and hearts during this great event.

Amazing Growth, Amazing Gifts

*Thank you for helping our counselors
touch thousands of lives.*

From 2013 to 2014 our total number of appointments grew by less than 1%. From 2014 to 2015 appointment numbers grew by 12%. **From November 2015 to November 2016, Valley saw a growth of 27%. That is 1,782 more appointments.**

So we challenged ourselves and you, our team of supporters, to increase our End of Year Giving by 27%.

And guess what?! **You did it!! You took our usual Year End Giving and more than doubled it!**

Thank you for helping to end the year in a big way. **You are truly bringing healing to thousands of lives in our community.**

But what is the big picture here? While our appointment numbers grew by 27% in 2016, **our fundraising only grew by 12%.**

The need for counseling in our community, especially Christian counseling, is

great. **Every counseling and behavioral health center in our community has a waiting list.** This need is even greater for children's counseling.

You are the reason why Valley can continue to grow and meet these needs.

Your support is needed now more than ever. In 2017 you can help us continue our mission to be a place of grace and healing to our growing community.

Our hope is to find new ways to open our doors to even more of the broken and hurting in the FM area. Your support is crucial.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



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From 2015 to 2016 we saw an overall appointment growth of 27%.

However, the need for financial assistance grew by 30%. Our goal is to provide assistance to those who do not have insurance that covers mental health.

Many of our neighbors must shoulder the cost of their care on their own. Your support provides crucial counseling to our friends and neighbors.



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