

TOGETHER



Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota
MESSENGER

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HELPING PEOPLE FIND THEIR WAY

From the flood story told in Genesis, to the baptism of Jesus, the dove is the physical sign that God is near. It is a reminder that His spirit is ever present, even in times of trouble, in times of uncertainty and in times of new beginning. The dove is universally understood to show both the hand and presence of God in the world. Before there were compasses or GPS, stories tell that sailors looked to doves for direction.

For almost a century, LSSND has been serving as a dove during the fork-in-the-road moments of so many North Dakotans.

Our mission is to be a guide – the herald of faith and hope – to help people navigate the storms of their lives.



MISSION

Guided by God's love and grace, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota brings healing, help and hope.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times. Love Your Neighbor. For us at LSSND, that means something pretty specific. It means that:

We live every day from a place of grace. We serve people, no strings attached. No one has to commit to a set of beliefs to be served. Come as you are because you're worthy as you are.

We live from a certainty in the inherent worth of all people. That there is a place for everyone. That all matter. That all belong. And that how we treat each other matters greatly.

We believe to our core that this call to serve means that all people are deserving of love and care. Of

being treated with dignity and respect. And that means all. No exceptions.

And we do all of this with humility. Not with judgment. We reach out because it is our call.

And it has been for almost 100 years.

We know you well enough to know that loving your neighbor is your calling too.

This universally held value – to love your neighbor – has drawn thousands and thousands of people together over the last century to bring healing to people who were hurting. To bring help to people who were struggling. To bring hope to people when they needed it most.



WE’LL BE THERE

Neighbors are there to lean on. They show up during the toughest of times. They value their community.

Like any good neighbor, LSSND vows to always bring something to the table. We don’t just speak of bringing help and hope to North Dakota; we vow to walk the talk. We pledge to follow through, even when the issues are complex and there is not one simple answer.

We’ve done this for nearly a century now.

The work continues today.

There are people and issues that have been **marginalized, misunderstood** and even **vilified**. We choose to show up for people – **no exceptions**. So when men who batter need an intervention program so they learn to stop using violence to control their partners, we are there. When refugees must start anew because leaving their homes was the only way to survive, we are there. When parolees need support so they can stay sober and productive while re-entering society, we are there.

These efforts start by **strengthening the individual**, but eventually **fortify the entire community**.

In many ways, **you** help us do this. We are grateful for your volunteerism and support – this pipeline of good will and like-minded partners – stretched across our state. Like you, we have seen that faith alone is a fine thing, but **faith expressed through action**, especially in large numbers, moves mountains.

We vow to continue doing our part, whether that means **bringing companionship to the elders** in your community or finding ways to **positively engage local youth**. If that requires **networking with your communities** to find safe, nurturing homes for foster children, we’ll be there. And if your community needs more mental-health support, we’ll be there too, **bringing expert mental-health help** into your homes via tele-health counseling.

At the same time, we want to **learn together** by **providing free training** on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to your community influencers. By **speaking to your community** on any number of topics. And **through social media** to keep you informed every day about the real-time work of social ministry.

Finally, we will continue our commitment to be your **sounding board for change**, whether that means uniting to **speak up**, creating **opportunities to engage** with state policy-makers, or **offering ideas** on how to de-politicize conversations about faith and life.

As we will lift up our last 100 years of social ministry together, we renew our vow to continue walking with those who need it, no matter the circumstance.

We will be there.

We hope you will join us.

4 TRUTHS IN A TIME OF CHANGE

If we know anything, it’s that the world 5 years from now will look different than the world today. The challenges facing families will have evolved. The way we work will have evolved.

But there are definitely some things that must stay the same.

1. Don’t settle for crisis management.

Our current systems often take people from crisis to vulnerable. People qualify for services when they’re in crisis. The system works hard to help get them through the crisis. Then services end. The assumption is that all is well.

We just don’t think that’s good enough.

With your help, we find ways to help take people to the next step – from vulnerable to stable. From crisis to contributing.

2. Serve where people are.

It isn’t practical to effectively serve the whole state doing things the way we always have.

Without home and community-based services, our systems and more formal institutions (like prisons, jails, nursing homes, residential care, foster care, hospitals, homeless shelters) are overused. They become the default “remedy” to a whole host of health challenges.

With your help, we have gone into the community to help and serve. Into homes. Where people are.

3. Do what we know works.

It is not possible to truly impact a person’s well-being if we look at them in pieces – we must see each person as a whole, as they are, with all of the complexities and nuances that define each of us. To do this, we look at all of the determinants of a person’s health and well-being. This ensures that we can have the greatest impact with the least amount of intervention for the shortest period of time possible. With your help, we navigate our way to the fork in the road

– the key transition times in a person’s life. We do so armed with the best ideas we can find, always informed by research, evidence, and practical experience. To make sure that these transition times – these “fork-in-the-road moments,” won’t push families into crisis.

4. Hold on to the big picture.

Our work to strengthen families will prevent child abuse and neglect. And will improve school engagement. And will avoid justice-system involvement. And will reduce substance abuse and prevent addiction.

But none of these things alone captures the full impact of the work – of a strengthened family unit. None of them alone is enough.

It is the cumulative impact of these individual components of strength that indicate success. A family who can navigate the challenges that arise in their journey is much more likely to be stable.

They will have found a way to live and be well in their home and their community.

They will know that they matter. That they belong.

That they are worthy as they are. That they are loved as they are.

And that hope is more than just a word.

Hope is theirs.

No matter what else changes, those truths simply can’t.

Jessica Thomasson

President/CEO

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota



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LOVED NEIGHBORS

Quiet miracles.

At LSSND, we see them so often that we don't always recognize them. Because when you think about it, it really is miraculous to ease a senior citizen's loneliness and enable them to stay longer in their home. Or to take a child of abuse and trauma and help them thrive and trust again. Or to find a way to bring help into someone's home so that they can finally seek relief from their gambling problem.

Some might view these as extraordinary acts. To us, they are the daily fodder of our mission. It's not that they are unimportant to us or we take them for granted. We just hold our standards high, and we expect this from ourselves: to make life better for all North Dakotans, at any "fork-in-the-road moment" in their lives.

When you get down to it, quiet miracles are really what it's all about. If you weave together enough of these success stories, small progressions and positive changes, you create larger change. You create families spared from the expense of long-term nursing-home care and elders who stay longer in the homes they love. You create people who do not grow up to struggle with mental health or addiction issues because of early trauma.

All those little forward movements eventually add up to create a seismic shift toward health, happiness and the greater good.

And that is a miracle.



DANNY

On a warm day last spring, Abound counselor Jeff, could be spotted on the lawn at LSSND, lobbing a football back and forth with an 8- or 9-year-old boy, Danny.

But it wasn't just fun and games.

This is what therapy often looks like at LSSND, where Abound therapists are unbound by the confines of their office walls. On any given day, a visitor will find our staff of nationally trauma-certified therapists engaging their young clients in decorating cookies, doing art, playing a board game or heading to the zoo.

This play therapy serves a deeper therapeutic purpose. We've learned children of trauma need talk therapy, but they also may need some of the positive, everyday experiences that kids from healthy households may take for granted.

It also builds trust between therapist and client, and relaxes the child so they can speak more freely about their experiences while engaged in an activity. It enhances social skills, confidence and physical coordination too.

It's all part of Abound Counseling's daily commitment to a "recovery model" vs. the traditional medical model. The recovery model is a holistic, person-centered approach, which focuses less on the individual's symptoms or "deficits," and more on their personal experience as a source of expertise. It takes into account all the factors that can affect a client's mental health, including overall health, a stable home, a purpose in life and a supportive, loving community.

This holistic approach also works to safely incorporate many of the important individuals in the child's life, including birth parents, foster parents, child protection workers and educators. It breaks out from the traditional "one-hour-of-therapy-per-week" formula of the medical model, because more intensive therapy may be needed.

Since each child has a unique circumstance, the treatment practiced by Abound recognizes that a "one size fits all" approach won't work for everyone. It has the flexibility to improve the mental health of the child at each stage in their recovery.

**Name changed to protect client confidentiality.*



LOLA

The calls started coming in to the hospital emergency room in Bottineau on New Year’s Eve. First one, then another and then one to Lola, telling her that Influenza A was spreading fast through Oak Manor Apartments, the property she manages for LSS Housing.

As soon as Lola got word of the outbreak, she headed over to Oak Manor to check in with her tenants. Because many of the people living at Oak Manor are in their 80s and 90s and don’t have family close by, it was up to Lola to drive some of them to the hospital to see a doctor. Within a day or two, 24 of 30 Oak Manor residents were down with flu.

To limit the spread of the virus, the Bottineau community was informed, and Oak Manor residents were asked to stay in their apartments and wear masks.

Instead of a mail carrier coming in and delivering to each resident’s apartment, Lola sorted and delivered mail herself within the building. Noon meals typically delivered by Tri County to Oak Manor’s community dining room were instead delivered by Lola to each apartment individually. Lola also went out and bought cases of soup and beverages because residents couldn’t shop for themselves.

Oak Manor Apartments are an affordable, independent living option in Bottineau. But for those seven days last January, Oak Manor became a nurturing space of healing. A place where someone like Lola worked far beyond her job description and paid hours to get folks back on their feet and feeling better.

****This mural in Bottineau is one of our favorites at LSS. It represents the vibrant community in Bottineau as well as the beauty in this story.***



LINDA

When Child Care Aware Referral Specialist Mistie answered the phone that day, the woman on the other end explained why she needed help. The caller, “Linda,” said she worked as a nurse, and she had agreed to provide foster care for a 4-month-old infant.

The county had given Linda a list of possible child care providers, but the list was difficult to sort through and didn’t identify providers who could accommodate the out-of-the-norm working hours of a hospital nurse. The new foster mom wasn’t sure what to do next.

Calls from parents seeking child care are commonplace for Child Care Aware, an LSSND-run agency that not only provides start-up information, training and professional development for child care providers, but also offers resources, tips and tools to

help parents find the right caregiver for their child. Child Care Aware staff work diligently to refer families to child care options that meet their unique needs and circumstances.

Using Child Care Aware’s comprehensive database of North Dakota child care providers, Mistie was able to give Linda the names of six providers who had potential openings and who fit Linda’s criteria for location and hours of care.

With that one call to Child Care Aware, Linda was able to provide a vulnerable 4-month-old infant with a safe and loving foster home (as well as reliable child care) while also remaining on the job to care for the patients who needed her.



ZACK

Zack is worried about his gambling. He's been losing a lot lately – so much that he had to dip into the family savings account to cover this month's mortgage. In the no-win cycle familiar to problem gamblers, he feels compelled to place larger bets, in the hopes of making up for losses.

He has tried to cut back or quit on his own, with no luck. He can't admit how much he's been gambling to anyone – not even to his wife. He wonders if he needs help, but he has no idea what to do or where to start.

It's estimated that 1 to 2 percent of the general population has a gambling problem, and as many as 3 to 4 percent have engaged in problem gambling at some point. Yet only a tiny percentage of those seek help, often because they are so embarrassed by the financial fallout from this process addiction.

“Gambler Healing,” a new program developed by counselors of LSSND's Gamblers Choice aims to circumvent the shame and stigma by bringing help right into the privacy of North Dakotans' homes.

The online e-curriculum is based on the 12 steps of

Gamblers Anonymous. After enrolling in the course, the user can go through the program at their own pace or, if they'd prefer, work through it with the guidance of a licensed therapist.

Exercises help users evaluate whether their gambling has become a problem, while worksheets, readings and journaling exercises take them on a self-guided tour through the core principles of 12-step-based recovery.

Although a user can complete the course in private, the curriculum also offers elements of the group perspective via taped segments of group discussion, in which graduates of the local Gamblers Choice program share their own experiences and discuss relevant recovery themes. Other features include access to the daily reflections/readings of Gamblers Anonymous, concrete tips on how to stabilize one's financial situations and insights on addiction from Dr. Stephen Timm, a consulting psychologist on the project.

Portions of the online course can be previewed at **www.gamblerhealing.com**. The complete course is \$99 and is accessible to anyone who speaks English and has an Internet connection.



VERDEAN

Once Verdean committed to joining LSSND's Senior Companion program five years ago, nothing could stop her.

Not a move from one community (Fessenden, N.D.) to another (Turtle Lake, N.D.). Not the pain and inconvenience of walking everywhere with a cane, or the hip replacement surgeries and recovery period that followed. Even cancer couldn't stop Verdean, who continued visiting her senior clients from the time she received a diagnosis for colon cancer until she had completed months of chemotherapy and cancer treatments.

During those difficult times, the lively senior said the program and its clients helped her as much as she helped them. She says she knew her clients needed her, which helped keep her mind off her own troubles.

The Senior Companion Program pairs elderly clients with senior citizen volunteers, who assist their new friends with everyday duties that make it possible for them to remain independent for longer. But the program also nurtures connection and friendship,

addressing the epidemic of loneliness reported among our elderly population.

Indeed, Verdean's life is about as far from lonely as you can get. Her phone rings often. She sits down at the beginning of each week to keep track of all of her visits and appointments, which sometimes run until 7:30 at night.

A typical day could range from running errands for a client who lives in the country to bringing a couple of her more mobile clients to the local church to help make sleeping mats for the homeless.

“I love my seniors,” says Verdean, who herself is nearly 80. “They are so dear to me. I get hugs when I come and hugs when I go.”

Verdean does what she does because she loves to help, but she admits she gets something out of it too. “It gives me a reason to get out, because I know these people need me,” she says. “If I didn't have this, I would be sitting around all day and reading a book.”

IMPACT OF EARLY BEGINNINGS

1,356

There are **1,356** licensed child care **programs** in ND with capacity to serve 35,557 kids.

1,083

Family Support/Assessment Workers made **1,083 visits** to young families in FY18.

89%

89% of the individuals served by pregnancy counseling reported feeling they had met their life-plan goals.



The achievement gap between low-income kids and their more affluent peers begins to appear at **18 months** old.

90% of brain development happens before the age of **5**.

Children who receive high-quality early education are **44%** more likely to graduate from high school.

\$8,935 is the average annual cost of care for an infant in a North Dakota child care

IMPACT OF YOUTH INTERVENTIONS

139

Attendant Care provided care and supervision to **139 kids** referred by law enforcement or child welfare officials.

944

944 hours of leadership, development and mentorship were provided to teen volunteers in the Youth Court program.

454

454 youth were able to mend the harm their actions created by participating in Accountability Conferences and Victim Empathy Seminars.



Early interventions that prevent kid's engagement in the system save the government **\$5.7 million** over that child's lifetime.

2/3 of adults being treated for drug dependence have history of childhood trauma.

More than 47% of North Dakota kids under 18 have experienced one or more adverse childhood experience.

90% of kids in the juvenile justice system have experienced trauma from an early age.

IMPACT OF THERAPY SERVICES



98% of Violence Free participants reported that their groups were beneficial for their recovery.



Intensive In-home Family Counselors worked with a total of **463 family members** in **122 families**.



100% of youth who completed DIVERT program were successfully diverted from juvenile justice system.

1 in 5 of those struggling with a gambling addiction will attempt suicide – that’s twice the rate of other addictions.

About **15,000** adults in North Dakota had thoughts about suicide within the last year.

50% of those who will be diagnosed with a mental disorder show signs of it by **age 14; 75%** by age **24**.

1 in 4 high school students in North Dakota struggle with depression.



IMPACT OF SENIOR INDEPENDENCE



Senior and Volunteer Companions volunteered **82,170 hours** of service in FY18.



744 older adults in North Dakota were served – given companionship, friendship and care by Senior Independence services.



Aging Life Care Managers offered **1,945 hours** of care management to older adults across North Dakota.

Falls are the **#1 cause** for re-hospitalization and the most common cause for traumatic brain injury.

90% of surveyed Americans have not talked about critical long-term care options with their families.

55% of caregivers feel overwhelmed by the amount of care a family member needs.

76% of readmissions to hospitals within 30 days of the incident are preventable.



IMPACT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

23%

23% of the **1,741** served by LSS Housing are under **age 18** and **16%** are **62 or older**.

64%

64% of LSS tenants are considered low to moderate income (earning **less than 80%** of median area income).

968

LSS provided safe, decent and affordable housing to **968** households in **24** ND communities.

A renter earning federal minimum wage would have to work **86 hours/week** to afford an average-priced one-bedroom home.

From 2014-2019 the group of North Dakota residents ages 65+ will increase by **52%**.

11,931 is the number of North Dakota households with poverty-level income. That number is expected to increase by **24%** in 2019.

11% of North Dakotans reported having a disability in 2014; the figure for people over 75 was **47%**.

IMPACT OF HUMANITARIAN WORK

10

10 individuals arrived in North Dakota as part of the Special Immigrant Visa program in FFY18.

91%

91% of the resettled individuals met the goal of stable employment after 90 days.

111

111 refugees found new jobs with assistance from LSSND – **81%** were full-time jobs.

98% of refugees who come to North Dakota are reuniting with their families.

183 refugees (in 68 families) from **6** different countries arrived in North Dakota in FY18.

Every minute, **24** people from around the world flee their homes because of violence or persecution.

42 languages are interpreted in the Fargo-Moorhead area by 3H Interpreter Services.

FINANCIALS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Public Support and Revenue

Contributions, Memorials/Bequests	\$832,614
United Way	134,934
Churches	271,109
Government Fees and Grants	10,261,274
Client and Program Income	3,065,743
Rent Income	3,204,052
Development and Mgmt Income	1,201,475
Misc. Income	623,696
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$19,594,897

Expenses

Program Services	\$11,925,421
Housing Services	6,489,125
Management & General	1,754,034
Fundraising Expenses	651,875
Total Expenses	\$20,820,455

Assets

Total Assets, End of Year	\$80,514,826
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$31,341,827
Public Support in Excess of Expenses ...	-\$1,255,558
Contr. for Long-Lived Assets/Equity	150,000
Total Change in Net Assets	-\$1,019,632
Net Assets, End of Year	\$30,322,195

This summary represents a consolidated summary that includes both Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota and its subsidiary, Lutheran Social Services Housing, Inc.

THE ROAD AHEAD

We’ve walked many miles with the people of North Dakota through the last 99 years, but we have many more miles to go. During this year and the next, we will continue our commitment to be a progressive, nimble, relevant, mission-driven organization, dedicated to serving North Dakotans when, where and how you need us most.

Here are a few of our new initiatives, programs and plans for the near future:

We partnered with the state’s human services and corrections divisions to help facilitate its statewide **Free Through Recovery program**, which serves participants who have been involved with the criminal justice system and have mental-health or addiction issues. The goal is to give parolees a chance to become productive community members, by supporting them with regional care coordinators – who help them in areas such as housing and mental-health services – as well as peer support specialists, who act as mentors and sponsors. Since its launch last February, about 525 parolees have voluntarily enrolled in the program, with LSS serving 70 of those clients.

The powerful concept of peer support continues through a partnership between LSS and the North Dakota Department of Human Services. Plans are underway to establish a **faith-based peer-support network** that will partner with people in North Dakota faith-based communities to build a readily available resource for men, women and children who are in recovery from addiction and mental illness, and who are working to re-integrate into their home communities after incarceration or involvement in the justice system.

LSSND’s **Abound Counseling** continues to expand its reach across North Dakota by offering **telehealth services** at locations such as Williams County Social Services, Fort Berthold Reservation and Heartview Foundation drug and alcohol treatment center in Cando, N.D. The arrangement brings convenient, confidential, professional mental-health care to North Dakotans who might not otherwise have access to those services.

Recognizing that healthy families are the key to a healthier community, our **Healthy Families program** received a grant from the Hearst Foundation to enhance our support of underserved parents in the areas of economic security, health and well-being, and peer support. Parents can voluntarily enroll in this family-strengthening program, which provides family-support coaches to guide them through the first 3 years of a child’s life. This grant enables us to address some of the financial concerns that at-risk parents might face, via increased referrals to partner agencies, more financial goal-setting during home visits and “parent cafes” that provide parenting education and a network of support for participants.

As farm conditions worsen, so does the risk of farm- and ranch-related depression and suicide. We are proactively collaborating with several partner agencies, including North Dakota Farmers Union, to raise awareness of depression symptoms and promote the many excellent **mental-health resources available to farm families**. We aim to de-stigmatize the issue of mental health in hopes of starting honest dialogue and encouraging neighbors to reach out to help neighbors in whatever way makes most sense to them. Part of our work will include promoting Abound Counseling’s telehealth as a convenient source of mental-health support, as well as reminding those with

financial hardships that our Abundant Care program is available to help offset fees.

We are recruiting families to provide stable, loving homes for the kids in our new **Therapeutic Foster Care program**. Therapeutic foster care serves children in the child welfare system with extra challenges, including medically fragile children and those who have emotional and behavioral needs requiring a therapeutic environment. Foster parents will receive training in areas such as attachment and trauma, and will work as part of a treatment team, collaborating with social workers and other service providers to ensure the child is getting all needs met and the families receive the support they need.

A state Department of Health grant has enabled us to expand our **Violence Free program** to provide services and groups for domestic-violence offenders in Valley City. Violence Free groups – previously available in Bismarck, Minot, Williston and Dickinson – use the Duluth Treatment Model to promote changing thought patterns for positive behavioral change among offenders. A referring agency or the court system assigns men to attend treatment groups, which teach offenders how to change existing beliefs of using violence to gain power and control over their partners.

Our **Youth Court program** recently received a community-building grant from the FM Area Foundation to enable the intervention program to continue its work in diverting young and/or first-time offenders from formal court proceedings. The grant will help provide early intervention services to at-risk youth at pivotal points in their lives. The LSSND program gives adolescent offenders the options to keep their records clean by successfully completing a peer-run Youth Court, where they take responsibility for their actions and have a chance to repair harm.



SUPPORTERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

\$5,000+

Individuals
Anonymous (2)
Randy & Patty Boushek
Darlene Cvcancara
Elsie M. Gilbertson
Rebecca Herman
Gregory & Dorothy Hoffelt
Adolph B. Johnson +
Betty Lou Kuklish
Alyce M. Larkin
Franklin Larson
Adelaide B. MacMillan +
Dane & Gwen McCartney
Roger Minch
Mildred Monke Estate
Howard & Carol Oppegard
Darrel & Joanne Quale
Dennis & Anita Rohde
Lois Scheele
Allan & Mary Severson
Doris A. Slaaten
Abner C. Tufto
Helen Weed

Churches/Church Groups

Bethel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ross/St Stanley
First Lutheran Church, Williston
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bismarck
Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo
Medora Lutheran Church, Medora
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City
St. John's Lutheran Church, Killdeer
Zion Lutheran Church, Minot

Foundations

Anonymous
Community Foundation of Grand Forks,
East Grand Forks & Region, Grand Forks
Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, Fargo
FARRMS, Tuttle
Noel & Judith Fedje Family Foundation, Fargo
Harold & Dorothy Madson Foundation,
Omaha, NE
North Dakota Community Foundation,
Bismarck
St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation,
Minot
The Roers Foundation, Fargo
TS Community Foundation, Treynor, IA

Businesses

Anonymous (3)
Dell Arneson, Inc., Fargo
Scheels Corporate Office, Fargo
Starion Financial, Bismarck
The Bank of Tioga, Tioga

Organizations/Other

Basin United Way of Williston, Williston
City of Williston, Williston
County of Grand Forks, Grand Forks
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.,
Columbia, MD
LIISC, NY
Missouri Slope Areawide United Way,
Bismarck
Morton County Council on Aging, Inc.,
Mandan
Souris Valley United Way, Minot

Stark County Council on Aging, Dickinson
United Way of Cass-Clay, Fargo
United Way of Dickinson, Dickinson
United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand
Forks & Area, Grand Forks
United Way of Stutsman County,
Jamestown

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Individuals

Anonymous
Beverly I. Bummer
Brian Hayer
Lillian Jacobson +
Anna Marie Johnson
M. Donald Larsen
Maryvonne McQuade
George & Jeanice Officer
Bryan & Jean Ann Quigley
Murray & Kristi Sagsveen
Edward & Charlotte Schilke
Marjorie A. Schlossman

Churches/Church Groups

American Lutheran Church, Stanley
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fargo
Calvary Lutheran Church, Grand Forks
Christ Lutheran Church, Minot
Faith Lutheran Church, Fortuna
First Lutheran Church, Mandan
First Lutheran Church, Watford City
Grace Lutheran Church, Oakes
Heart River Lutheran Church, Mandan
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Powers Lake
House of Prayer Lutheran Church,
Bismarck
Immanuel Baptist Church, Minot
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro
St. John Lutheran Church, Dickinson
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisbon
United Lutheran Church, Grand Forks
Zion Lutheran Church, Ashley

Businesses

Anonymous
Bremer Bank, Fargo
Summers Manufacturing Company, Inc.,
Devils Lake
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans,
Minneapolis, MN

Organizations/Other

ND Council on the Arts, Bismarck
United Way of Barnes County, Valley City

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Individuals

Anonymous (3)
Margaret J. Ahlness
Roger D. Aus
Barry & Julien Batcheller
Peggy & Ted Bearce
Arlo & Karen Blumhagen
Richard Bolkan
John H. Engesather
Jerry & Carolyn Erickson
Thomas & Carolyn Espel
Carl W. Glamm
Velda Glick
Ronald & Linda Hamers
Marie Harstad
Karin & Justin Hegstad

Elaine L. Hetland
David & Virginia Hynek
Tony & Sharon Ingle
Dennis & Karen Jacobson
Annette I. Johnson
Cleo Kirkland
Carter Kunz
R. Douglas & Sally Larsen
Corinne Littlefield
Allen & Debbie Lund
Mark & Denise Magness
James & Sharon Moline
Mark & Linda Nygard
Kristen G. Paulson *
Arlette Preston
Harlan Rolla +
Red Sanderson
Donald & Sylvia Schmid
Donald & Swanhild Schmidt
Alan & Lynn Sims
John E. Sinn
Gary & Alvina Skogen
Gary & Martha Sorenson
Sandy Stockert
Marcella Storseth
Jim & Jessica Thomasson
Constance H. Vanvig Estate
Marlyn & Debbie Vatne
Sarah M. Vogel
Tom & Stacie Wade
Robert Western
Bill & Anna Marie Whitmore

Churches/Church Groups

Adams Mountain Lutheran Church,
Adams
Bethesda Lutheran Church, Carson/
Morristown, SD
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bowbells
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Town
Bowman Lutheran Church, Bowman
Carpio Lutheran Church, Carpio
Christ Lutheran Church, Neche
Clear Creek Lutheran Church, Keene
Concordia Lutheran Church, Crosby
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Gackle
English Lutheran Church, Hazen
Faith Lutheran Church, Bismarck
First Lutheran Church, Bismarck
First Lutheran Church, Bottineau
First Lutheran Church, Fargo
First Lutheran Church, Fessenden
First Lutheran Church, Minot
First Lutheran Church, Rugby
First Lutheran Church, Tioga
First Lutheran WELCA, Minot
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Williston
Hettinger Lutheran Church, Hettinger
Hickson Lutheran Church, Hickson
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks
Lakota Lutheran Church, Lakota
Martin's Lutheran Church, Casselton
Milnor Lutheran Church, Milnor
Montpelier Lutheran Church, Montpelier
Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cogswell
Nordland Lutheran Church, Rutland
Norwich Lutheran Church, Norwich
Ottawa Lutheran Church, Aneta
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church,
New England
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Page
Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo
St. John Lutheran Church, Verona
St. John's Lutheran Church, Jamestown

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Garrison
Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake
Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenburn
United Lutheran Church, Cavalier
University Lutheran Church,
Grand Forks
Zion Lutheran Church, Berthold

Foundations

Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo
Midco Foundation, Sioux Falls, SD
Renaissance Charitable Foundation,
Indianapolis, IN

Businesses

Altru Alliance, Grand Forks
Cardinal IG, Fargo
HUGO'S - Valley Markets, Inc.,
Grand Forks

Organizations/Other

Lake Region Community Fund,
Devils Lake
United Way of Richland-Wilkin,
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\$500 - \$999

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Churches/Church Groups

American Lutheran Church, Tolna
Belfield Lutheran Church, Belfield
Bethany Lutheran Church, Hatton
Bethany Lutheran Church, Minot
Bethany Lutheran WELCA, Minot
Bethel Lutheran Church, Battleview/
Powers Lake
Bethel Lutheran WELCA, New Town
Bethlehem Lutheran WELCA, Ross
Bowman Lutheran ELCW, Bowman
Christ Lutheran Church, Lignite
Christ Lutheran WELCA, Minot
Christ The King Lutheran Church,
Ellendale
Clergy Emergency Fund/City Pastors,
Wahalla
Dahlen Lutheran WELCA, Dahlen
English Lutheran Church, Tuttle
Faith Lutheran Church, Hannaford
First Lutheran Church, Harvey
First Lutheran Church, Litchville
First Lutheran Church, New Rockford
First Lutheran Church, Washburn
First Lutheran Church, Willow City
First Lutheran WELCA, Bottineau
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Englevale
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Williston
Grafton Lutheran Church, Grafton
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Jamestown
Keene First Lutheran Church, New Town
Knife River Lutheran Church, Stanley
Lebanon Lutheran Church, Amidon
Leeds Lutheran Church, Leeds
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck
Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck
Mayville Lutheran Church, Mayville
Metigoshe Lutheran Church, Bottineau
New Hope Lutheran Church, Upham
Norman Lutheran Church, Clifford
Norman Lutheran Church, Kindred
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Max
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rolla
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Park River
Peace Lutheran Church, Scranton
Richland Lutheran Church, Walcott
Saron Lutheran Church, Minot
Sharon Lutheran WELCA, Grand Forks
Sheyenne-Oberon Area Ministry, Sheyenne
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Grenora
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Butte
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Center
St. Petri Lutheran Church, Nome
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bremen/Cathay
Trinity Lutheran Church, Cooperstown
Trinity Lutheran Church, Douglas
Trinity Lutheran Church, Edinburg
Trinity Lutheran Church, Jamestown
Trinity Lutheran Church, Litchville
Trinity Lutheran Church, Steele
Trinity Lutheran Church, Tioga
Trinity Lutheran Church, Williston
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Sharon
United Lutheran Church, Langdon
University Lutheran WELCA, Grand Forks
Viking Lutheran Church, Maddock

West Prairie Lutheran Church, Williston
Writing Rock Lutheran Church, Alkabo
Wyndmere Lutheran Church, Wyndmere
Zion Lutheran Church, Beulah
Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm
Zion Lutheran WELCA, Minot

Foundations

Pontoppidan Lutheran Church
Foundation, Fargo

Businesses

Drekker Brewing Company LLC, Fargo
GOLDMARK Property Management,
Fargo
Home Instead Senior Care, Fargo
Izumi Sushi Hibachi All You Can Eat
Inc., Fargo
Kupper Chevrolet, Mandan
Reservation Telephone Cooperative,
Parshall

Organizations/Other

Act Up Theatre, Moorhead, MN
Lake County Historical Society, Kenmare
Lions Club - West Fargo, West Fargo
Network For Good, Washington, DC

\$250 - \$499

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Churches/Church Groups

Beaver Creek Congregation, Hatton/
Sharon
Belfield Lutheran WELCA, Belfield
Bethany Lutheran Church, Rhame
Bucyrus Lutheran Church, Hettinger
Buffalo Lutheran Church, Buffalo
Cando Lutheran Church, Cando
Carpio Lutheran WELCA, Carpio
Deering Lutheran WELCA, Deering
Dovre Lutheran Church, Newburg
Dovre Lutheran Church, Osnabrock
Evanger Lutheran Church, Kenmare
Faith Lutheran WELCA, Valley City
First Lutheran Church Sunday School,
Rugby
First Lutheran Church Women, Washburn
First Lutheran Church, Beach
First Lutheran Church, Enderlin
First Lutheran WELCA, Rugby
First Presbyterian Church, Moorhead, MN
Golden Ridge Lutheran Church, Fargo
Grace Lutheran Church, Wildrose
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Esmond
Lakota Lutheran WELCA, Lakota
Luverne Lutheran WELCA, Luverne
Marion Lutheran Church, Marion
Messiah Lutheran Church, Fingal
Our Savior Lutheran WELCA, Larimore
Our Savior Lutheran WELCA, Sherwood
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Larimore
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stanton
Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA, Hillsboro
Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA,
Valley City
Peace Lutheran Church, Crosby
Peace Lutheran Church, Linton
Pekin Lutheran Church, Pekin
Richland Lutheran Church, Hettinger
Rose Valley Lutheran Church, Des Lacs
Sheyenne Lutheran Church, Pekin
Sigdal Lutheran Church, Tolna
Skjeberg Lutheran Church, Drayton
St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, LaMoure
St. John's Lutheran Church, Embden/
Wheatland
St. John's Lutheran Church, Richardton
St. John's Lutheran Church, Ryder
St. John's Lutheran Church of Haley,
Scranton
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Makoti
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Riverdale/
Pick City
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kathryn
Sundahl Lutheran Church, Aneta
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck
Trinity Lutheran Church, Esmond
Trinity Lutheran Church, Kenmare
United Lutheran Church, Zahl
Waldheim Lutheran Church, Kathryn
Warwick Lutheran Church, Warwick
Willow Creek Lutheran Church, Overly
Wilmington Lutheran WELCA,
Arnegard/Alexander
Wolford Lutheran Church, Wolford

Zion Lutheran Church,
Grand Rapids/LaMoure
Zion Lutheran Church, McGregor
Zion Lutheran WELCA, Hoople
Zion Lutheran WELCA, Towner

Businesses

Bosard McCutcheon & Rau, LTD,
Minot
Mountrail Cooperative Trust, Williston

Organizations/Other

City of Fargo, Fargo
Souris Basin Planning Council, Minot
University of North Dakota,
Grand Forks
West Fargo Exchange Club, West Fargo

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Churches/Church Groups

Beaver Creek Lutheran WELCA,
Northwood/Sharon
Bethany Lutheran Church, McLeod
Bethel Lutheran Church, Rogers
Bethel Lutheran WELCA, Battleview
Bethlehem Lutheran WELCA, Fargo
Birka Lutheran Church, Washburn
Brufat Lutheran WELCA, Portland
Buffalo Lutheran WELCA, Buffalo
Calvary Lutheran Church, Alamo
Calvary Lutheran WELCA, Lemmon, SD
Christ Lutheran WELCA, Neche
Christ The King Lutheran WELCA,
Moorhead, MN
Comstock Lutheran WELCA, Comstock, MN
Concordia Lutheran Church, Edmore
Elm Grove Lutheran Church, McCanna/
Larimore
Elmdale Lutheran Church, Niobe/Kenmare
English Lutheran Church, Maxbass
Epping Lutheran Church, Epping
Evanger Lutheran WELCA, Kenmare
Finley Lutheran WELCA, Finley
First Lutheran WELCA, Beach
First Lutheran WELCA, Harvey
First Lutheran WELCA, New Rockford

First Lutheran WELCA, Plaza
First Lutheran WELCA, Tioga
First Lutheran WELCA, White Earth
Good Shepherd Lutheran WELCA,
Englevale
Grace Lutheran WELCA, McClusky
Gran Lutheran WELCA, Hawley/
Barnesville, MN
Holy Cross Lutheran WELCA, Powers Lake
Hope Lutheran Church, Makoti/Ryder
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Buxton
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Milnor
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Roseglen
Immanuel Lutheran WELCA, Milnor
Lawton Lutheran WELCA, Lawton
Lebanon Lutheran WELCA, Amidon/
Bowman
Lucky Mound Lutheran Church, Parshall
Michigan Lutheran Church, Michigan
Montpelier Lutheran WELCA, Montpelier
Oak Valley Lutheran Church, Vela
Ostervold Lutheran Church, Finley
Ostervold Lutheran WELCA, Finley
Our Redeemer's Lutheran WELCA,
New England
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Halliday
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Williston
Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA, Rolla
Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA, Williston
Pontoppidan Lutheran WELCA, Fargo
Ray Lutheran WELCA, Ray
Redeemer Lutheran WELCA, Hope
Reynolds Lutheran Church, Reynolds
Richland Lutheran WELCA, Walcott
Shell Creek United Lutheran Church, Plaza
Sheyenne Valley Lutheran Church,
Cooperstown
St. Ansgar Lutheran WELCA, LaMoure
St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo
St. John's Lutheran WELCA, Ryder
St. Luke Lutheran WELCA, Wishek
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
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St. Mark's Lutheran WELCA, Grand Forks
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Walum/
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St. Olaf Lutheran WELCA, Devils Lake
Sundahl Lutheran WELCA, Aneta
Trinity Lutheran Church Women,
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Trinity Lutheran Church Women, Mott
Trinity Lutheran Church, Kintyre
Trinity Lutheran Church, Napoleon
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sentinel Butte
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sharon
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Binford
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Douglas/
Garrison
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Edinburg
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Napoleon
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Turtle Lake
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Valley City
Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Westhope
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WELCA, Minot
United Lutheran WELCA, Grand Forks
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Walcott Lutheran WELCA, Walcott
Walhalla Lutheran Church, Walhalla
Walhalla Lutheran WELCA, Walhalla
Warwick Lutheran WELCA, Warwick
West Union Lutheran Church, Northwood
Willow Creek Lutheran WELCA, Overly/
Rolette
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Ray

Zion Lutheran WELCA, Ashley
Zion Lutheran WELCA, Berthold
Zion Lutheran WELCA, McGregor

Businesses

Bell Bank, Fargo
Eide Bailly LLP, Fargo
Mickelson Body Shop Inc., Hawley, MN
SRT Communications Inc., Minot
Sure Foot Corp, Grand Forks
Zuger Kirmis & Smith, Bismarck

Organizations/Other

Bike & Build Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Fargo Garden Society, Fargo
Northern Plains United Labor Council, Fargo
Phoenix Elementary School - 5th Grade
Class, Grand Forks
Zonta Club of Bismarck, Bismarck

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Grand Forks
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Bowbells
Big Pembina Lutheran WELCA,
Langdon
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Heaton
Elm Grove Lutheran WELCA,
Larimore/Arvilla
Finley Lutheran Church, Finley
Garden Lutheran WELCA,
Watford City
Gran Lutheran WELCA,
Mayville/Hillsboro
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Sheyenne/Cathay
Highland Lutheran Church,
Cummings/Buxton
Highland Lutheran WELCA,

Cummings
Knife River Lutheran WELCA, Stanley
Lysne Lutheran Church, Hawley, MN
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Mooreton Lutheran WELCA, Mooreton
Nazareth Lutheran WELCA, Cogswell
Norman Lutheran WELCA, Clifford
North Viking Lutheran WELCA, Maddock/Heimdal
Our Savior Lutheran WELCA, Max
Peace Lutheran Church, Dunseith
Peace Lutheran WELCA, Dunseith/Bottineau
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Standing Rock Lutheran WELCA, Fort Ransom
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Trinity Lutheran WELCA, Esmond
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Washington Lutheran WELCA, Northwood
Zion Lutheran Church, Elgin
Zion Lutheran Church, Regent
Zion Lutheran WELCA, Mohall

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Fargo Stuff / Office Sign Company, Fargo
Gate City Bank, Fargo
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Implementation Specialists, Inc., Hawley, MN
KLJ, Bismarck
Lawrence King P.C., Bismarck
Noridian Healthcare Solutions, Fargo
Vision Bank, Fargo
Warner and Company, Fargo
Western State Bank, West Fargo

Organizations/Other
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Cass County Democratic Women Plus, Fargo

Churches/Church Groups
Pontoppidan Lutheran WELCA, Fargo

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Ackerman-Estvold, Williston
Beauty of the City Store, Fargo
Bremer Bank, Fargo
Brent Russel Builds, Stanley
Eide Bailly LLP, Fargo
McCody Concrete, Williston
P.E. Fusion Equipment LLC, Gillette, WY
Scheels All Sports, Fargo
Wold Johnson PC, Fargo

Organizations/Other
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Eide Bailly LLP
Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
Midland National Life Insurance Company
Xcel Energy Foundation Matching Program

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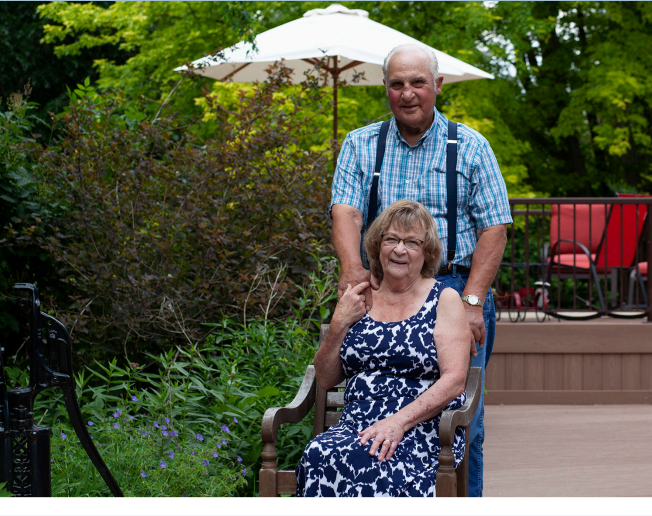
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SPRINGVALE MEADOWS: THE WOLSKYS



Gene and Joan Wolsky have spent nearly half a century turning their farmstead south of Oriska into a sanctuary they named Springvale Meadows. And now, through LSSND, Gene and Joan are giving their living work of art to the people of our state.

The site has already been used for art therapy, and a few outings for kids in both the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor foster care programs and at Luther Hall.

“We are so honored to be a part of the LSSND mission, to share this place with others, to help others,” says Joan.

If a storybook were written about this fairytale setting, Joan says it might begin: “Once upon a time there was two old people who didn’t know what to do with their land. Then they found LSS and all their dreams came true!”

That’s actually pretty close to reality. There are over 200 varieties of trees and bushes and an estimated 300 kinds of flowers and plants. 15 species of birds (including a man-made peacock fashioned from old windmill blades), a 20-foot-tall metal giraffe, nine windmills restored by Gene and a tiled path filled with stone carvings cut by Joan. A network of shaded, curving trails brings walkers to the many cozy resting spots. In nearly every glance, one takes in something special and beautifully unexpected.

“Springvale Meadows is going to be a place of peace and healing for kids and families for generations to come. This will be a sacred space,” says Jessica Thomasson, LSSND CEO.



THRIVENT FINANCIAL PROJECTS

6 Projects | 11 Thrivent Cards | 75+ Volunteers
If you are a **Thrivent Financial member** (meaning you have investments, insurance, etc. through Thrivent Financial), you are eligible to apply for Thrivent Action Team money. Each card/project receives **\$250**. If you have questions, please contact: **Bryan Quigley at 701-240-4505 -or- Jean Quigley at 701-340-9026.**

PLANNED GIVING WITH LSSND

What’s Your Legacy?
Each of us live a unique life filled with experiences and opportunities that have shaped us and made us who we are today. Most of us hope, in one way or another, that we’ll leave some kind of legacy that will benefit others in the future.
One way to leave such a legacy is to make a planned gift to support programs that bring healing, help and hope to your neighbors in need. Below are several planned gifts you may wish to consider in creating your legacy.

**Bequest through your will or trust | Charitable Gift Annuity
Retained Life Estate | Charitable Lead Trust**

For more information about setting up your legacy, contact **Dennis Aune** by calling **701-730-2524** or by email at **daune@lssnd.org**.



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VOLUNTEER. All volunteer opportunities can be found on our website. Watch for updates!

DONATE to a neighbor in need. Online donations can be made by visiting www.lssnd.org/donate.

SHARE your story with LSSND on our website or email us at info@lssnd.org.

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PARTNER with us. Join our corporate partners to help make an impact in the lives of people across North Dakota.

LIKE and follow us on our social media channels. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

JOIN OUR TEAM. Career and internship opportunities can be found on our website, www.lssnd.org/employment.

YOU ARE LSS

What is LSSND?

LSSND is a movement.

Who is LSSND?

You are LSSND.

LSS is a place where, for the last several generations, people of good will have come together to find ways to make life better in the place they live, and for the people around them. It exists primarily because we all intuitively know that some things are best accomplished through **collective action**. Each individual who works to make change has tremendous strength. But putting that energy together with like-minded people, can turn energy into power. **Power to create change.**

Across the prairies, the grasslands, and the buttes that are North Dakota, we have seen this power of collective action at work for generations. We are people who are fiercely independent but who also recognize in a very visceral way the importance of watching out for each other. Of being there when someone is struggling. Because in our context (i.e., not a lot of people...a whole lot of space), we know if we don't step up, there may not be anyone else who can or will.

When we say "You are LSS," we truly mean it. We aren't so much a traditional organization as we are a platform from which change can occur.

That means we want to make sure it's easy for **anyone who wants to make a difference** (that means you!) to know that **you are invited in**. To **work with, dream with, and connect with** others who share your drive.

Thank you for who you are, and for everything you do to help make your little corner of the world a better place.

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