Dear Denim Day Committee,

Thank you so much for including HDM in your generous giving. Last year we served over 21,000 meals to people at nutritional risk in the Greater Grand Forks area. Again, thank you!

Home Delivered Meals
Cheri & the Denim Day Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting the GF Senior Center and our Meals On Wheels Program as a recipient of 2013 Denim Day funds. We serve approximately 200 seniors through Meals On Wheels and, for many of them, the delivery volunteer is the only person they will see all day long. So along with a nutritious meal we also provide a social hi, a known and a friendly smile for seniors!

We appreciate your continued support and thank you for all you do in the community!

Becky Comria
Dear Chair & Committee,

Thank you so very much for your on-going and previous support of the Infant Bereavement Program. Here are some exciting times ahead. As of Jan. 1 I will be full time coordinator of the program, a position I have been hoping to be created for many years. The program itself is all volunteers and donations but I am hoping to be more available for education & support in the community.

Thank you,

Lori Bettig

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The Christmas Box “Angel of Hope”

The Christmas Box “Angel of Hope” stands east of Altru Hospital and south of the American flag on the hospital grounds. This angel is dedicated to all children who have died including babies who have died before birth. The statue was introduced in the book The Christmas Box, a worldwide bestseller and hit television movie by author Richard Paul Evans. In the book, a woman mourns the loss of her child at the base of a angel monument. Even though the story is fiction, the angel monument once existed.

A new angel statue was commissioned by Evans in response to reports that grieving parents were seeking out the angel as a place to grieve and heal. It was dedicated in December 1994 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The angel statue in Grand Forks, North Dakota was the eleventh to be dedicated in August 2000. By 2009 there were 100 statues throughout the country. If you look closely you can find the word “hope” on the angel’s right wing and on other areas of the statue.

Each year on December 6 a candlelight memorial service begins at the base of the Christmas Box Angel. The ceremony ends in the Altru Hospital lobby where families are given the opportunity to place an ornament with their child’s name on it on a Christmas tree.

On August 8, 2010, a Memorial Wall was added to this site. This wall is dedicated to all children who have died. A fountain, donated by the Altru Alliance, was also placed in this area.

The Angel of Hope is a special memorial for all children who have died. May this be a place to reflect on the past, renew strength for the present and build hope for the future.
December 30, 2012

UND Denim Day Committee
Attn: Cheri Williams
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Grand Forks, ND 58202-7112

Dear Cheri:

What a wonderful way to end our year, by receiving the news that we have been selected by the UND Staff Senate Denim Date Committee as a recipient for funding in 2013. On behalf of the youth and families participating in our child care programs that will benefit from the funds through scholarship assistance, we sincerely thank you for the donation.

As you know, at the Y, it is our mission to provide the necessary support to families in our community, regardless of their financial resources. Your gift will provide the necessary funding to ensure that a child is able to receive quality child care services, while their parents are at work or attending classes. Your generous gift will be acknowledged on our Partner of Youth donor wall and annual reports. As a reminder, the YMCA is a non-profit 501c3 organization, so your donation is also tax deductible. Our tax identification number is as follows: 45-0226434.

Once again, we greatly appreciate your selection of the YMCA as a charity worthy of your donation. We would like to thank you for supporting the work of non-profits in our area, such as the YMCA, who strive each day to serve the needs of youth and families, and to help ensure they have a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Debbie Thompson
YMCA President/CEO