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NDAD'S MISSION:

Enhance the quality of lives
of individuals facing health challenges.

And Bismarck makes five

*NDAD's newest office brings client
services closer to southwest &
south-central North Dakota*

Bismarck this fall has joined
Grand Forks, Minot, Fargo
and Williston as locations for
NDAD's client services offices.

It's NDAD's first office addition
since opening the Fargo office and puts
a client services representative based
in Bismarck for the first time since
2006.

That new NDAD representative
is Joan Bickel (right, organizing
equipment at the Bismarck office).

NDAD has long provided charitable
services to all of North Dakota, but its
new office brings our most popular
program much closer to people with
disabilities and health challenges
in people in the Bismarck-Mandan
region. NDAD's Healthcare Equipment
Loan Program (HELP) provides
free loans of durable home medical
equipment for up to 90 days.

More about NDAD'S expanded
Bismarck presence on Page 2. ■





Bismarck-Mandan region's access to NDAD's HELP improves

NDAD's new Bismarck office at 1012 S. 12th St. is a place to learn about our charity's seven types of direct financial assistance and get information about our other services.

There's little doubt, though, which client services program will create the most office traffic for Bismarck Client Services Representative Joan Bickel. HELP is short for NDAD's Healthcare Equipment Loan Program, which requires no qualifying application, no income limits and no rental fee.



Joan Bickel

As it does at NDAD's four other N.D. office locations, HELP provides home health equipment loans at no cost for as long as 90 days. Appointments are requested to borrow and return equipment and also whenever possible prior to office visits. During 2019 and 2020, people throughout North Dakota and it surrounding communities borrowed nearly 7,400 pieces of NDAD equipment for a total savings that approached \$790,000. Annual totals are expected to climb significantly, given about 100,000 people live in Bismarck and neighboring Mandan.

NDAD gratefully gained additional home health equipment from Easter Seals of N.D., which donated all of its own loan equipment stock this fall. ■

NDAD's seven types of direct financial assistance:

- 1) Prescription medication;**
 - 2) Home and vehicle accessibility;**
 - 3) Local accessible transportation fees;**
 - 4) Out-of-town medical travel;**
 - 5) Personal attendant care;**
 - 6) Adaptive recreational activities;** and
 - 7) Medical equipment and supplies**
- NDAD guidelines restrict the use of these funds.**

Contact information for NDAD's Bismarck office is available on Page 4

NDAD will be participating in 2022's Giving Hearts Day campaign

Feb. 10, 2022, a Thursday, is the next Giving Hearts Day (GHD) for our region's charities and nonprofits, including NDAD. Our "Count Me 4 NDAD" theme is returning for this fundraising campaign, the only one NDAD holds annually.

If you wish to donate today, GHD donations to support NDAD's important mission may be

made by check and mailed or delivered to an NDAD office in order to count and be eligible for a match. Checks to NDAD should have "Giving Hearts Day" on the memo line and "Feb. 10, 2022" as the check date. More GHD donation options and other information will be the focus of our Winter 2022 issue. ■

Roy Olson

Inhalers purchased by NDAD help Grand Forks man deal with COPD

Roy Olson's medicine and treatment for his chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is hardly inexpensive.

The Grand Forks resident's

"Applying [for assistance] wasn't hard. There was nothing to it. It was simple... [NDAD] has helped me a lot over a period of years. It's been wonderful. I don't know what I'd do without its help."

Roy

especially during the pandemic, Roy's budget became particularly stressed.

When he needed help during the spring



prescription rescue inhalers can cost as much as \$500 a month, in addition to several other medications he uses.

Because he's on Social Security disability and only able to work sporadically,

of 2020, shortly after the pandemic began, he contacted NDAD; the organization had provided prescription assistance to him years earlier.

"I was worried since some time ago that they wouldn't be able to help me," Roy recalled. Still, he quickly applied for assistance and soon learned from NDAD Client Services Representative Lora

Machart that he was approved. NDAD had provided two inhalers a month for him for more than a year until a recent prescription change to one a month. Olson is no less grateful - and not just for himself.

Roy's girlfriend received great assistance through NDAD's Healthcare Equipment Loan Program (HELP) after an Achilles tendon injury occurred during a bone spur surgery, NDAD loans of a walker, wheelchair and cane helped her cope with the injury and recovery. ■

2nd round of NDAD Gibbens Memorial Grants awarded

Three more 2021 Gibbens Memorial Grants of up to \$5,000 each have been awarded in a second grant round by NDAD for North Dakota-based programs intended to benefit at-risk populations.

The recipients:

- House of Everyday Learning, Fargo, for expanding its free developmental screening program and pediatric specialized therapy services. It will use a mobile unit with a sensory/motor gym to serve children and families in rural communities in the Tower City area.
- North Dakota Friends of Deaf Children Foundation, for developing a lending library of in-home assistive safety

technology at the state School for the Deaf/ Resource Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing in Devils Lake.

- Fraser Ltd's Day Service Program, Fargo, to obtain an advanced, maneuverable sensory cart to help address visual, auditory, tactile and olfaction needs of its non-residential, community-based participants with autism and dementia.

NDAD awarded three Gibbens grants in the first round earlier this year, to Connect Medical Clinic and The Arc Creations Program, both in Dickinson; and to UND Northern Prairie Community Clinic, Grand Forks. The grant is named for NDAD's late co-founders and officers, Faye and Ron Gibbens. ■



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*It's **AMAZING** what people can do when
there's **help**.*

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