

# Recovery moves to rebuild stage

After most of the *cut and muck* cleanup work and *button up* winterizing jobs were completed in the fall, Lutheran Social Services transitioned its Lutheran Disaster Response staff and volunteers to begin focusing on the *rebuild* phase for flood damaged homes in Minot and Ward County.

The rebuild process begins with an assessment of a home's needed repairs and an estimated cost of building materials. All houses that receive volunteer rebuild labor are identified

*To anyone thinking about volunteering in Minot, I'd say, "Come one, come all!"*

*Even if you pull only three nails, that's three nails I don't have to pull. Every little bit of help makes a big difference."*

*—Misty Weed  
Minot flood survivor*

**rebuild team and call 218-443-4970 to schedule with the volunteer coordinator in Minot.** If you are unable to volunteer to help, please consider making a donation to support the recovery efforts by mailing a check or donating online at [www.lssnd.org](http://www.lssnd.org).

According to Bob Sanderson, CEO, "Your generous contributions of time, talent and dollars are critical to enabling Lutheran Social Services to provide the Lutheran Disaster Response program in North Dakota."

Services provided throughout North Dakota since June 2011 have included:

**Needs assessment**—Operating a phone bank in Fargo where more than 1,000 people who had requested assistance outside of Minot and Ward County were contacted to assess and help with their needs;

**Volunteer coordination**—Recruiting, scheduling and supervising volunteers for Williston, Bismarck-Mandan, Minot and small towns in other flood areas;

## next step

**Training**—Collaborating with other organizations to educate about safe home cleanup procedures in Williston, Bismarck, Minot, Rugby, Bottineau, Mohall and more;

**Crisis counseling**—Providing 56 full-time outreach workers through Project Renew to educate, refer and support disaster survivors;

**Coordinating community response**—Helping establish a COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) and Unmet Needs Committee in Devils Lake and other areas;

**Case management**—Providing case management statewide in partnership with the United Methodist Church in some areas and through leadership of the North Dakota Long-Term Recovery Committee for many areas;

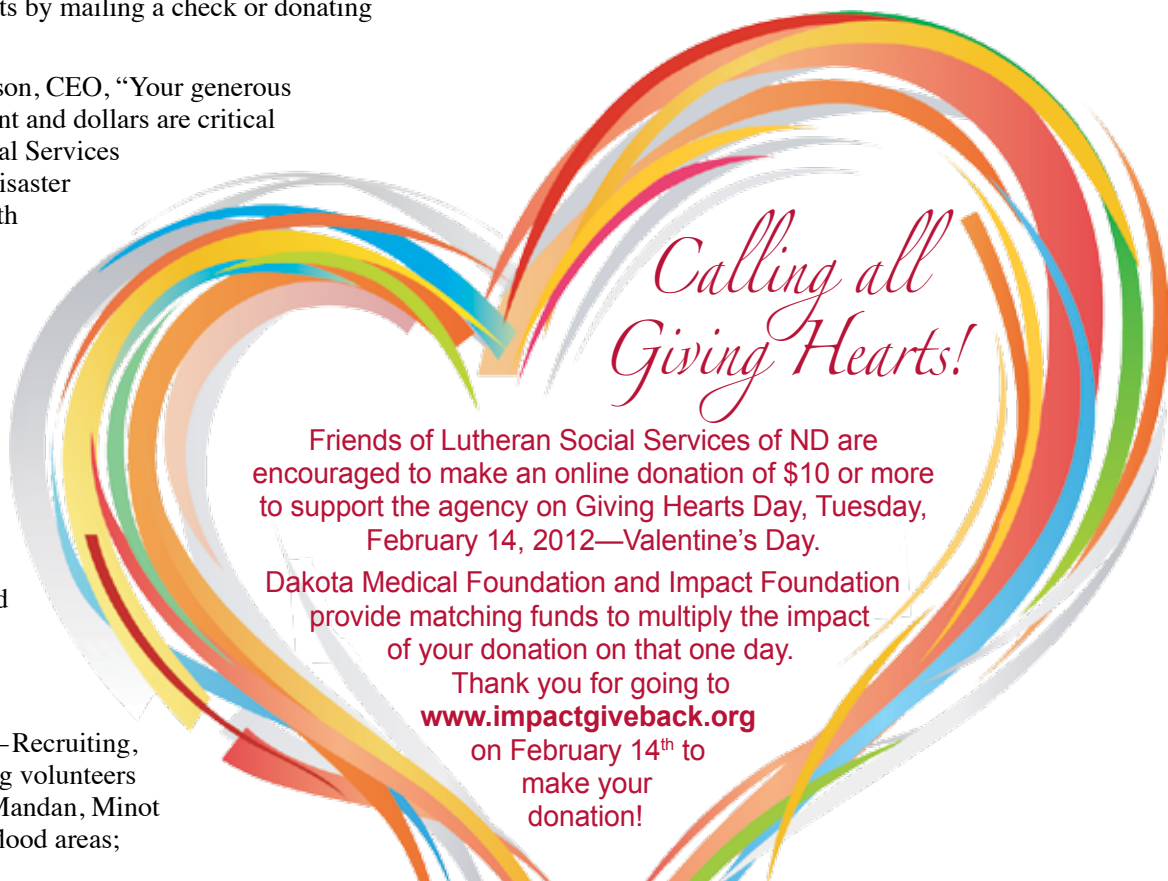
**Church coordination**—Working closely with ELCA and LCMS churches, including Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Minot that houses the Lutheran Disaster Response volunteer station and other churches housing and feeding volunteers.

**Lutheran Social Services' Great Plains Food Bank**—Providing food and supplies to shelters, evacuees, food pantries and other charitable feeding programs experiencing increased need; coordinating 400+ volunteers who prepared food and cleaning supplies for distribution, 🍌

through the case management process of RAFT (Resource Agencies Flood Team).

Rebuild requires a combination of skilled volunteers assisted by some who are less skilled.

**Anyone willing to help their neighbors in need is encouraged to form a**



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Giving Hearts!*

Friends of Lutheran Social Services of ND are encouraged to make an online donation of \$10 or more to support the agency on Giving Hearts Day, Tuesday, February 14, 2012—Valentine's Day.

Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation provide matching funds to multiply the impact of your donation on that one day.

Thank you for going to [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org) on February 14<sup>th</sup> to make your donation!