

Dakota Medical Foundation

Giving Hearts Day Policies



Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF), Impact Foundation, and the Alex Stern Family Foundation are honored to partner and co-host Giving Hearts Day (GHD). Each year, GHD grows in size and substance, including nearly 550 charities that have raised \$138 million since 2008. With that growth, we have a responsibility to our partner organizations to communicate clear policies and guidelines around event participation and distribution of funds. Any questions can be directed to GHDInfo@dakmed.org.

I. Giving Hearts Day 2023 Overview

- **Deadlines:** We make every effort to communicate upcoming deadlines. With more than 550 charities expected to participate this year, we ask that you make every effort to meet these deadlines.
- **Participation:** The GHD criteria can be found at GivingHeartsDay.org. Please note that meeting all eligibility criteria does not automatically guarantee acceptance, and missing any single criterion is not always an automatic disqualifier. Please review the full participation eligibility policy below in Section II for more information.
- **Match:** All Giving Hearts Day 2023 participants are required to secure a minimum of \$3,000 in self-raised match from an external funding source(s). Most organizations raise more than \$3,000 in matching funds, which contributes to their overall growth and ability to deliver on their respective charters. Due to the number of charity participants DMF does not offer matching funds to all GHD participants.
- **Awards and incentives:** DMF and all GHD sponsors and partners reserve the right to determine how their award and incentive dollars will be used. Please review the full funding eligibility policy in Section II below for more information. The annual budget for each nonprofit will be verified for budget-based award winners.

II. Participation Eligibility and Funding Eligibility

Participation Eligibility

While any regional nonprofit is welcome to apply for participation, we reserve the right to decline a charity's application if their participation could become a distraction to Giving Hearts Day's ultimate goal, which is to unite the community in a single day of hope, generosity, and inclusion. While not comprehensive, the following is a list of examples of what we would consider to be potential distractions:

- Charity has a track record of not completing the GHD pathway (missed deadlines, absent from required trainings, failed to raise minimum match)
- Misreporting of match and/or day-of fundraising totals
- Charity's participation is determined to be primarily political in nature

Funding Eligibility

If a participating nonprofit provides services that conflict with the DMF charter's mission as a hospital, it is ineligible for Giving Hearts Day award money, both performance-based and otherwise.

III. Community Fund and Place-of-Worship Guidelines and Fiscal Sponsor Programs

DMF and Impact Foundation's aim is to support all nonprofit partners and the communities they serve. We recognize that, at times, our community fund and place-of-worship partners participate with our nonprofit members to support those programs in being successful. Generally, intermediaries are not accepted for GHD participation, although limited exceptions are made for programs of community funds and places of worship that provide a specific service that improves health and quality of life in the region.

These organizations are required to select a specific program of focus for funds raised during GHD participation. After approval, the selected program will be promoted on GivingHeartsDay.org (in the organization's profile) and in Giving Hearts Day marketing materials.

Fiscal sponsor programs are generally not eligible to participate in GHD. Each organization must carry its own 501(c)(3) status.

IV. Permissible Funds That Count Toward Your Official Giving Hearts Day Total

Eligible Donations

The following donations qualify for awards, incentives, and prizes on GHD:

1. Checks from individuals and businesses prior to or on the day, dated for Giving Hearts Day
2. Donations received online through the GivingHeartsDay.org site as a scheduled gift or on the day
3. Grants received and distributed by DMF
4. Incentives and door prizes granted by DMF
5. Grants received with the intent of the funder to be used for the organization's operations and to be counted as a GHD donation by the funder
6. Cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) is eligible but must be liquidated to cash and in the possession of the member organization on GHD

Ineligible Donations

The following donations do not qualify participating organizations for awards, incentives, and prizes on Giving Hearts Day:

1. Funding received with the clear purpose to redistribute to other organizations
2. Late gifts received after GHD

V. Processing of Funds on Giving Hearts Day

All participating organizations receive online donations through our payment processing system, Stripe. DMF does not store or save any credit card information.

Generally, checks are written to and received by the individual charity participants. In the instance that DMF receives checks at our facility, they are processed by staff and volunteers on your behalf.

These donations come in the form of incentives, business donations, and individual check entries. All monies designated toward a nonprofit and passed through DMF or Impact Foundation will be distributed during our auditing process within 90 days following Giving Hearts Day, February 9, 2023.

In the unfortunate event that a donation entry error is made that results in a larger donation than the donor intended, DMF and Impact Foundation will not be held financially responsible for said clerical error.