



Giving Hearts Day (GHD) has become a social movement and wellspring of generosity throughout North Dakota and northwest Minnesota by creating an annual day for charities to collect not only donations but also pledges for volunteers and goods. Having a sound set of policies and criteria is important in helping to grow Giving Hearts Day not only in terms of funds raised but also in terms of cultivating a sense of confidence and support from the community. Below are two Giving Hearts Day 2023 eligibility checklists for all participating nonprofits. Please reach out to GHDInfo@dakmed.org with any questions regarding your organization's eligibility.

Participation Checklist (required)

- Be a 501(c)(3) **IRS tax-exempt** organization in good standing
- Complete a **GHD application** by the deadline of Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022
- Review and sign off on the Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) Giving Hearts Day Policies as part of the application process
- Have an active **Giving Hearts Day Subscription** (\$825 must be fully paid by Oct. 28, 2022)

Participation Checklist (preferred)

A High Impact nonprofit organization should have the following in place to ensure maximum effectiveness:

- Annual board of directors review of your organization's strategic and/or operating plan
- Annual executive director performance review
- Regular review of the organization's budget and financials by the board of directors
- Annual independent financial audit performed and available for public inspection
- Maintenance and operation of bylaws and articles of incorporation
- Have a **significant local presence**, active programming within North Dakota or northwest Minnesota, local governing control, and attest that 100% of the money raised will be used locally*
- Have at least **one paid staff** position
- Have an annual **operating budget of \$100,000 or more**
- Have **raised a minimum of \$3,000** on Giving Hearts Day 2022 (if applicable)

Important Info for Giving Hearts Day 2023

- Each year, GHD grows in size and substance. We strive to offer valuable training and technical assistance while also being able to maintain a personal relationship with all the participating nonprofits. **For us to be able to do this as effectively as possible, all applications must be received by Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022.**
- Any new applications or inquiries received after Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, will be added to our contact list for Giving Hearts Day 2023.
- A Giving Hearts Day 2023 Subscription is \$825. That fee will increase to \$925 if received after Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.
- Attendance of one GHD Kickoff Training (in person or virtually) by at least one organization representative is required, on or before Oct. 28, 2022.
- All Giving Hearts Day 2023 participants are required to secure and report a minimum of \$3,000 in self-raised match funding from an external funding source(s) by Monday, Jan. 23, 2023.
- As with any donor, DMF reserves the right to determine how GHD awards and incentive dollars will be used.

**Limited exceptions may be made for organizations located in North Dakota or northwest Minnesota that have local governing control but invest their resources outside of this service area.*