



Giving Hearts Day 2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS, the goals of Giving Hearts Day are to raise awareness for the charitable non-profit sector and its organizations in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota, to promote online giving, volunteerism, and the donation of goods, and to provide donors with the opportunity to multiply the results of their giving; and

WHEREAS, Giving Hearts Day is a powerful example of the private sector providing assistance to charitable, non-profit organizations that offer vital services to improve the quality of life for many members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the charitable, non-profit sector supports individuals and families with quality programs, materials and funds that promote, encourage, and sustain independence and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide these benefits, charities need ongoing funds, volunteers, and goods to continue providing long-term, sustainable services to our residents in need; and

WHEREAS, these charities have demonstrated a need for collaboration and resources, and have joined together for this 24-hour fundraising event that is dedicated to inspiring online donations for charities at givingheartsday.org;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Bernie Dardis Mayor of the City of West Fargo hereby proclaim February 9, 2023, as Giving Hearts Day in West Fargo, and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and all West Fargo residents to observe this day with appropriate activities and programs; recognize charitable nonprofits, their staffs and volunteers who provide essential services to our community; and support Giving Hearts Day by volunteering or providing financial support to local charities in West Fargo and across North Dakota and northwest Minnesota at givingheartsday.org.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernie Dardis".

**Bernie Dardis, Commission President
City of West Fargo**