



**FURNITURE MISSION
OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY**

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Greetings from your Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley team,

You are receiving this letter **because you are a** friend or family member of one of our Board of Directors. While our directors all find ourselves in different walks of life and with different areas of expertise, we do, however, share a common goal. We feel the need to help others less fortunate or who have experienced a setback in life.

Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley, a 501c(3) tax exempt organization, became a reality in early 2019 when a group of compassionate men and women discovered a vital need in the greater Fargo Moorhead area to provide gently-used furniture and household items at no charge to people in crisis. These individuals or families in crisis may include, but not limited to, those that have suffered a loss of their household belongings due to fire, storms, floods or people starting a new life, suffering from a significant financial loss, or part of an abusive situation or even incarceration.

Modeled after a similar mission in Sioux Falls, SD we are closing in on the reality to be able to furnish these household goods to families and individuals that are getting back on their feet in the Red River Valley. Currently, the Sioux Falls location serves from 40 to 60 families per week and it continues to grow. Based on the local research we have performed; we feel the FM area mirrors this need as well. It is our goal to be fully functional by mid-year of 2020.

We have partnered with the Impact Foundation for their annual Giving Hearts Day on February 13, 2020. For those not familiar with this event, last year this event generated \$16.3 Million in gifts to over 400 nonprofit groups in the area. It is the largest single giving day event in the country.

More specific details can be found on our website, www.furnituremissionrrv.org, Facebook, or our YouTube video. Online gifts can be donated through our website. Financial gifts donated on Giving Hearts Day through our website or givingheartday.org > Donate > Furniture Mission will be matched and also generate a tax-deductible statement for your records.

We trust that you will consider supporting this financial **startup** phase of our business plan and be **on the ground floor of this mission to help others**. We are eager to share the impact this day will make to our organization. From the Board of Directors of Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley we wish all of you a very prosperous year.

Best Regards,

The Furniture Mission Board of Directors

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