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## ***Giving Thanks by Giving on QFM radio***

Grand Forks, ND – Vessel Christian Foundation, a regional non-profit organization that serves Christian ministries, churches, and missionaries, and QFM-104.9FM Grand Forks/107.1FM Fosston, MN, are partnering to host the first annual *Giving Thanks by Giving* fundraiser, November 24–25, 2009, starting at 7:00 a.m. and concluding at Noon both days.

The two-day, on air event will feature interviews with leaders of several Christian non-profits, churches, and ministries in the region. Listeners will also hear from individuals whose lives have been touched by these organizations.

The purpose of *Giving Thanks by Giving* is three-fold: 1) to raise awareness of the services provided by non-profits throughout the region, 2) to encourage listeners to call in with a donation to their favorite charity, and 3) to offer the opportunity for callers to make a tribute gift in honor of someone who serves tirelessly for a non-profit organization. The name of that individual and the organization will be announced on the air.

Some of the organizations being featured on the air include:

- Heartland Christian Academy of Bemidji
- LifeCare Center of Thief River Falls
- Northland Christian Counseling Center of Grand Forks
- Pulse Outreach of Fargo
- Riverside Christian School of East Grand Forks
- Thrive Church of Grand Forks
- Walker Are Pregnancy Support Center
- Women's Pregnancy Center of Grand Forks
- Valley Memorial Homes of Grand Forks
- Medical and Benevolence Fund of Vessel Christian Foundation

"We are extremely excited to host this two-day fundraiser," said Michelle Walters, Executive Director of Vessel Christian Foundation. "Many of these ministries are in great need of donations to make it through the end of the year and the first quarter of 2010. This is a wonderful way to share information, encourage donations, and remind listeners of ways that they can receive tax benefits for year-end giving."

Vessel Christian Foundation allows donors to support Christian organizations, ministries and missionaries through Donor Advised Funds. These funds operate like a mini family foundation – allowing donors the input, flexibility and creativity they want while providing both for family and God's kingdom. With more than \$300,000 in donor gifts already in place, Vessel is poised to serve ministries and donors in the region.

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