



Christian Foundation

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Private Support for New Foundation Exceeds Expectations

Grand Forks, ND – The outpouring of gifts following the kick-off of Vessel Christian Foundation in November has been a pleasant surprise for board and staff members of the new organization. **Vessel has recorded a total of \$238,000 in new gifts at year's end (December 31, 2007).**

"We are very grateful for the interest and generosity of our donors," shared board chairman Charles Vein. "The immediate response is very encouraging and proves to us that the services Vessel provides are needed in our community."

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.

"Why go through Vessel instead of simply giving directly to the organization or ministry?" is a question best answered by sharing examples:

- One couple would like to use a charitable gift for tax shelter at year's end and wants to support the local Christian community. Unsure of where the greatest need is, they need time to consult with experts. Vessel is the answer.
- One gentleman wants to donate land to a ministry and needs advice on how to do this in compliance with IRS laws while maximizing the impact of his gift. Vessel is the answer.
- A couple wants to support a family struggling with medical expenses. Giving through a credit union fund doesn't allow them a tax deduction and they plan to give large amounts over the course of two years. Vessel is the answer.

Ten years ago, discussions began among caring Christian leaders about how this region needs an organization like this. The dream of a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of our region by financially supporting Christ-centered programs and services is now a reality. With more than \$100,000 in donor gifts already in place, Vessel is poised to serve you, your family, and, ultimately, God's kingdom.

For more information, please visit www.vesselchristianfoundation.org or call 746-8321.