



Coming Soon to 1805 Park Avenue, Bismarck

It All Started With a Dream

Jim's story of creating a Dream Center in the city of Bismarck starts on May 29, 2016 when he woke with a vision for a meal ministry and services to help those in need firmly planted in his mind. Jim explained his vision to his wife Cindy and asked her what she thought about it. Cindy's reply was, "you know what you need to do." What Jim didn't realize at the time was it was that vision and direction from God that kick started his drive to bring a Dream Center to Bismarck. For the next year, Cindy and Jim met with many people in the community including several pastors, church leaders, city officials and the Mayor.

Jim & Cindy finally ended up at The Banquet where Jim got involved first as a Banquet Board Member and now serves as Banquet Board Chairman.

In March of 2019, Banquet Director Karla Eisenbeisz, former Homeless Coalition Director Jeannie Messall, Cindy and Jim made a trip to the Dream Center in Los Angeles to confirm Jim's Dream Center application sent several months earlier. By May, Dream Center Bismarck was officially sanctioned. Fast forward to today, Dream Center Bismarck is a newly formed non-profit organization whose main goal is to **"Find a Need & Fill It"**. Internationally there are about 85 Dream Centers, each working in their own community to find unmet community needs and fill them. June 19 of 2019, the Dream Center Adopt-a-Block program was brought to Bismarck.

The Bismarck Adopt-a-Block program was started as a food distribution program going to Jeannette Myhre Elementary and South Central High School in Bismarck and distributing free groceries to those in need. In April of 2020, with the start of COVID-19 and all the hardships it has brought to our community, especially to our low-income citizens, the program was expanded to 6 days each week.

With the help of Bismarck and Mandan Public School staff, locations were strategically chosen to serve the most households. Since that time, the Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution truck, once again with the help of Bismarck Public School staff and area churches has helped form the Needs Nook. The Needs Nook works with the Adopt-a-Block truck and others to distribute diapers and feminine hygiene products to those in need.

To obtain a supply of food, Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution makes stops at area grocery stores including **Cash Wise, Dan's SuperMarkets, Natural Grocers & Costco Wholesale**, picking up food that is either surplus or close to the expiration date, as well as working with **Great Plains Food Bank**.

The Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution truck is distributing about 100,000 pounds or over \$160,000 worth of food to low income households each month. Adopt-a-Block is serving as many as 700 households every week! This is all being done with NO government funding other than getting some USDA commodities thru Great Plains Food Bank.

In just a few short months Jim's dream will become a reality when construction of Dream Center Bismarck is completed.



The "Hub of Activity" at Dream Center Bismarck

The Banquet, Dream Center Bismarck's sister nonprofit will be the hub of activity at the new Dream Center Bismarck. Meals will be served 7 days each week. Over the last 15 years, The Banquet, has grown from serving a single meal each week to now serving meals every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church and a Sunday meal at The Salvation Army. Within the last year, The Banquet has become it's own 501C3 nonprofit and will occupy a modern 4,500 sq. ft. dining room and 1,500 sq. ft. kitchen in the new Dream Center Bismarck.



Dream Center Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution is already very active in the Bismarck/Mandan area with it's mobile grocery distribution. Adopt-a-Block presently serves Monday thru Saturday each week and averages over 500 household visitors per week.

In the months of February & March 2021, Adopt-a-Block volunteers distributed over 125,000 pounds of groceries each month! In addition, in collaboration with other entities, Adopt-a-Block distributed free diapers to many low income households.



NEW SONG CHURCH

South Campus

Dream Center Bismarck is a faith based organization.

As part of our commitment to the people we serve and recognizing that only the HOPE of God can lead us to a better place in life we look forward to working with the New Song Church South Campus to provide spiritual care and guidance to the people we serve. The New Song Church South Campus will be using the Dream Center chapel for church services and other faith based activities.

We Get to Serve!



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Volunteers are at the heart of what we do. Without volunteers there would be no Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution Program and no Dream Center Bismarck. With this thought in mind, we value and respect each and every one of our volunteers. If you would like to be on our volunteer sign up list, contact us at 701-955-2150 or email jimbarnhardt@msn.com

Fund Drive 2021

Dream Center Bismarck, founder Jim Barnhardt and his wife Cindy, have donated the land and indefinite use of the building by Dream Center Bismarck.

Dream Center Bismarck will be responsible for finishing the interior of the facility with the exception of The Banquet Kitchen.

We have initiated Dream Center Bismarck Fund Drive 2021 to raise the estimated \$550,000 required to finish the interior of the Dream Center facility.

The Banquet has initiated it’s own “Karla’s Kitchen” Fund Drive to raise the estimated \$300,000 required to install a commercial kitchen.

If you are able to help with either Dream Center Bismarck Fund Drive 2021 OR The Banquet “Karla’s Kitchen Fund Drive visit either our website to make your donation, mail your donation or give us a call and we can make arrangements with you.

All Donations Are Tax Deductible

Dream Center donations can be mailed to:

**Dream Center Bismarck
P.O. Box 1996**

Bismarck, ND 58502

**Make your donation online at
www.DreamCenterBismarck.org**

**Questions about donations can be referred to Jim Barnhardt
701-955-2150**

The Banquet donations can be mailed to:

**The Banquet
502 N. 4th St.**

Bismarck, ND 58501

**Make your donation online at
www.TheBanquetND.com**

**Questions about donations can be referred to Karla Eisenbeisz
701-202-4749**



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HELP for Today & HOPE for Tomorrow

Dream Center Bismarck is a new nonprofit dedicated to serving the needs of the low-income families, seniors and individuals of our community.

Dream Center Bismarck is a faith-based charitable organization that finds and fills the needs of struggling people. The Dream Center aims to not only meet immediate needs by providing in-house meals through The Banquet but will also focus on the successful transformation of lives, all free of charge to those in need.

“Find a Need & Fill It”

Our vision is to accept people where they are and connect them with community resources, creating HOPE and empowering them to rebuild and transform their lives.

Our mission is to connect people to a community of support by offering free resources and services that address immediate and long-term needs. Partner agencies and the Dream Center will work in many different areas including **nutrition, employment, and health & dental** as well as areas of **poverty, addiction, abuse, and generational dysfunction**. The Dream Center serves as a resource center focused on working together with others in our community to find creative solutions through community outreach programs.

Strategically located in the highest need area of Bismarck, Dream Center Bismarck will be easily accessible to many of the people we serve. The 24,000 square foot facility will house the following:

- The Banquet Dining Room (Trinity Hall)
- The Banquet Kitchen
- Chapel
- Multi-purpose Event Center
- Meeting Rooms for Use by Partner Agencies
- Community Food Pantry
- Adopt-a-Block Warehouse

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**As the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without deeds is dead.**

James 2:26