

## **Become a member of HAND:**

### ***Who can belong?***

Any individual or organization that has a concern with housing issues in the state - whether those issues are homelessness, affordability/limited income, special needs/accessibility, availability, etc.

### ***Benefits of joining HAND***

- Increase awareness of housing opportunities for North Dakota citizens;
- Ensure every North Dakotan has access to decent, safe, affordable, accessible place to live;
- Positively impact Community Development and housing for North Dakota citizens;
- Build stronger and longer term housing relationships;
- Assist in the development of statewide housing policy; and
- Strengthen the link between housing and economic stability.

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### **Housing Alliance of North Dakota (HAND) Mission:**

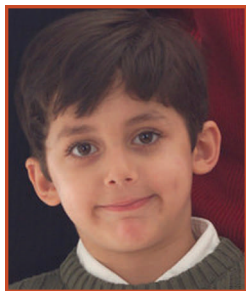
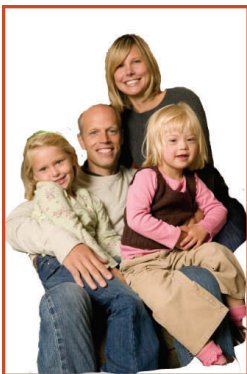
*The Housing Alliance of North Dakota is a statewide network established to identify and address the diverse unmet housing needs in North Dakota.*

### **HAND Vision:**

*A state where everyone has access to a decent, safe, affordable, accessible place to live.*

### **HAND Values:**

- Grassroots efforts with a local focus having statewide applicability;
- Address any and/or all unmet housing needs;
- Flexibility as needs and challenges change;
- Address both rural and urban issues; and
- Provide options that are based on need and offer choice.



### **HAND Organizational Structure:**

- HAND is organized under the guidance of a steering committee. In addition the following HAND workgroups are in place:
  - Structure and Resource Development
  - Membership and Participation
  - Education and Marketing
  - Legislative and Partnership
- HAND is independent and private in its operation.

### **HAND Principles:**

- Work to promote the fact that housing is a basic human need;
- Work to make housing a top priority for all North Dakotans;
- Educate others to see that without housing all other activities, including work, are unattainable;
- Work to achieve the development and adoption of a uniform, statewide housing policy; and
- Work to encompass a full range of unmet housing needs for all populations, in all areas of the state.

### **Who will benefit from HAND's work?**

All North Dakotans will benefit.

### **Why it is important:**

As one of the basic needs of life, housing is important to all of us. In North Dakota, with our aging population, the diversity between urban and rural needs, economic stresses, weather extremes, limited resources, and the special needs of various groups, we must make every effort to ensure that all of the citizens of this state have access to decent, safe and affordable housing.

### **Activities & Functions of HAND:**

- Education and Advocacy;
- Assess and Identify Housing Needs and Data;
- Networking;
- Communication and Sharing; and
- Efficient and Effective Use of Resources.

