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COMMUNITY BUILDING PACKAGES

GRANTS FOR CHRISTIAN CHURCHES & SCHOOLS IN MONTANA

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INTRODUCTION

The Gianforte Family Foundation strongly believes ***the local body of Christ has a valuable, irreplaceable role to play*** in their community. To help increase the capacity of local Christian churches and schools ***to reach out beyond their four walls*** with the love of Christ, our foundation is offering grants *(up to $3,300)* to be used for ***new*** outreach and community-building programs that:

- Share the Gospel
- Strengthen Marriages & Families
- Help Individuals Flourish Economically
- Offer Addiction or Trauma Recovery Tools

To be eligible for this grant, you must:

- Be a Christian church or school operating in the state of Montana
- Select one of our pre-packaged grant options,
- Make sure the selected option is a new or expanding program,
    - *If your program is expanding, please reach out to Foundation staff to see if it meets our expansion criteria.*
- Follow the application instructions at the bottom of this document,
- Actively promote this program to your broader community as an outreach opportunity.

Before applying for any of the packages below, we encourage you to fully research the program, to **1.** determine if it aligns with your doctrine and ministry philosophy, **2.** understand all potential costs, and **3.** identify future lay leaders of the new program, etc.

Our funding may not cover all costs associated with running a program; in fact, a handful of grant packages are ***high-investment***-- meaning your church will need to ***dedicate significant time, talent, and/or financial resources*** to successfully execute the program. These packages are designated by an ***asterisk (*)***.

Our desire is that your church or school ***will continue this program for years to come***, that lives will be transformed within your community, and God will be glorified.

Grant Package Options

SHARING THE GOSPEL

ALPHA COURSE - Share the Gospel with Your Community

The Alpha Course is an 11-week (with a weekend getaway) or a 15-week (without a weekend getaway) class that creates space for people to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life, and God. This course is based on a Socratic method of evangelism and prioritizes sharing the Gospel, offering hospitality, freely sharing ideas, and building friendships. Encourage your church members to invite and attend with their friends. Alpha is for everyone, but is particularly attractive to those asking the question, "Is there more to life than this?"

Topics Covered: **1.** Is there more to life than this? **2.** Who is Jesus? **3.** Why did Jesus die? **4.** How can I have faith? **5.** Why and how do I pray? **6.** Why and how do I read the Bible? **7.** How does God guide us? **8.** Who is the Holy Spirit? **9.** What does the Holy Spirit do? **10.** How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? **11.** How can I make the most of the rest of my life? **12.** How can I resist evil? **13.** Why and how should I tell others? **14.** Does God heal today? **15.** What about the Church?

Once people from outside your church have attended Alpha, there must be an intentional process of ongoing spiritual formation in place. Many churches have found introducing small groups is an effective way of helping people to move from Alpha into the life of the Church and continue in the development of disciples.

If you are interested in Alpha, you can explore it further at no risk by:

- Visiting alphausa.org
- Watching the videos linked above
- Previewing the free online Alpha classes, including (additional) videos, discussion guides, and leader tips
- Attending a free virtual Alpha leader training (Offered every month)
- Reaching out to regional Alpha representative, Kirk Petersen at kirkpetersen@alphausa.org

Grant Amount: $1,100

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Shared Meals
- Childcare
- Weekend Getaway Retreat (encouraged but optional)

DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENT - Help People Discover Jesus

Disciple Making Movements (DMM) are Spirit-led movements of ordinary people who make disciples who make more disciples. Based on Jesus' commands in Matthew 28, the focus is on obedience to Scripture and multiplying spiritual generations.

In post-Christian cultures, DMM has gained traction as a relational, low-barrier way to engage people spiritually. Instead of waiting for someone to come to church, disciples go out into homes, workplaces, parks, gyms, and neighborhoods—looking for spiritually open people, known as "people of peace."

DMM is not a program; it's a lifestyle. Christians across the globe are using these principles to reach those disillusioned with "religion" but hungry for meaningful faith and purpose.

If you are interested in DMM, you can explore it further at no risk by:

- Reading this white paper written by the Foundation
- Check out this website www.dbsgroups.com
- Contact *Final Command* and ask to speak with their Montana-based DMM coach. www.finalcommand.com

Grant Amount: $1,100

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- DMM/DBS training
- Coaching (travel for a coach; there are no coaching fees)
- Book purchases
- Or even local coffee shop gift cards (for members in your church who are trained in DMM and are meeting folks interested in discovering Jesus - for the first time)

PLACED FOR A PURPOSE - Live Missionally through Neighboring

Placed for a Purpose is a 6-week curriculum that provides a theologically rich framework for neighboring and helps people live missionally where God has placed them. Attendees will leave with a long-term, sustainable vision for the "low and slow" lifestyle of neighboring and practical tools that will help them invest in their communities and build meaningful, gospel-motivated relationships with their fellow image-bearers right next door.

This course will cover the Big Picture of Neighboring, the Posture of Neighboring and the Practice of Neighboring. Topics Covered: **1.** Neighboring in God's Big Redemptive Story **2.** Bringing the Great Commandment Home **3.** Seeing Your Neighbor **4.** Hospitality: Welcome and Be Welcomed **5.** Sacred

Ground: Tilling the Soil of Your Neighborhood **6.** Gospel-Motivated Conversations. Each of the six lessons is followed by a discussion guide which includes: the purpose of the discussion, a chapter refresher, discussion questions, an occasional suggested assignment, and a neighboring prayer for the week.

If you are interested in Placed for a Purpose, you can explore it further at no risk by:

- Visiting placedforapurpose.com
- Previewing the free first chapter of Placed for a Purpose, e-books, and neighboring resources online.
- Contacting authors, speakers, and consultants Chris and Elizabeth McKinney for additional information at elizabeth.mckinney@cru.org
- Please Note: limited speaking/consulting slots are available. Please contact Elizabeth McKinney before applying for this grant.

Grant Amount: up to $3,300

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Virtual Training on Placed for a Purpose Curriculum for Church Staff and Volunteer Facilitators
- 3-Hour in-person Mini-Conference led by authors Chris and Elizabeth McKinney
- Speaker Fee
- Speaker Flights and Hotel Lodging
- Ongoing Virtual Monthly Neighbor Coaching for Leaders and/or Participants for follow-up and support (6 months)
- Placed for a Purpose Books for Small Groups
- Childcare, Shared Meals, Advertising Stipend
- Gift cards for Class Participants (up to $250)
- Neighboring Accelerators- Popcorn, Snow Cone, Cotton Candy Machine (choose one) ($250)

STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES & FAMILIES

ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE* (AIM) - Offer a Couples Workshop to Strengthen Any Marriage

Adventures in Marriage (AIM) is internationally recognized as one of the very best relationship education programs in the field. Most couples do not know "how" to be married. They never learned

the right way to build a strong marriage that will last. Instead, they grew up watching unhealthy relationships and then assumed somehow their marriage would turn out different.

Adventures in Marriage is a highly interactive program that teaches couples the practical hands-on skills essential to build a healthy, thriving marriage that can go the distance. AIM helps couples discover better ways to meet one another's needs, communicate, resolve conflicts, express anger, avoid dirty fighting, and understand how their personality styles impact relationships for better or worse.

Fun, practical, and easy to learn, Adventures in Marriage is appropriate for couples at any age or stage. AIM is designed to reach couples across the spectrum – it helps couples with good marriages discover how to have a great marriage, and it helps distressed marriages reboot and learn a much better way.

If you are interested in the workshop, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Contact Steve Scansen of Communio for more information or to find a trainer near your community. sscansen@communio.org

Grant Amount: $1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Montana-based Workshop Trainer's travel, lodging, and materials
- Snacks
- Advertising Stipend
- Low-Income Couple Stipends

RELATIONSHIP ATTACHMENT MODEL* (RAM) - Offer a Healthy Relationship Series to All Ages **high-investment (Planning 6-Week Sermon Series)*

The Relationship Attachment Model (RAM) is a 6-week, Church-Wide, Biblically-based Healthy Relationship campaign. RAM provides a relationship GPS for understanding what is happening within a relationship, for evaluating its health, for determining its weaknesses or vulnerabilities, and for knowing how to strengthen, set boundaries, and intentionally run that relationship.

The RAM Series offers a perfect opportunity to pull in members of your community because healthy relationships are a goal of just about everyone. Additionally, this series uniquely uses a common language for all relationships (from elementary age to 100+), making it a valuable tool for everyone in a family group.

If you are interested in the RAM Series, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting ramseries.com
- Watching a 16-minute webinar

Grant Amount: $1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Church-Wide RAM Series Kit. This includes: 6 topical sermon scripts, a large 5 ft by 7 ft RAM diagram, video sessions for small groups, samples of all small group materials
- Small-group materials for adults and youth
- Advertising Stipend

RELATIONAL WISDOM 360 - Create a Culture of Relational Wisdom at Home & Work

Our God is an intensely relational God who calls us to emulate his commitment to relationship. Therefore, it should not surprise us that the Bible contains thousands of passages that teach us how to deepen, protect, and enjoy our relationships with God and the people he has placed in our lives. Many passages in the Bible go a "full 360." They start with a focus on God, then teach how we are to manage ourselves and look out for our neighbors, and then close the circle by focusing back on God.

This package includes several options depending on the size of your congregation or the level of desired integration into your local body.

If you are interested in Relational Wisdom 360, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting rw360.org
- Learning more about individual grant opportunities
- Reviewing this discussion material
- Watching this video that describes Relational Wisdom
- Contacting Director of Training, Colin Sauskojus at colin@rw360.org or 406-696-8466

Grant Amount: $2,600 (up to)

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Small Group classes, PACE community training, Peace Sower Team training
- RW360 materials
- Advertising, childcare, and food stipend for RW360 classes

RAISING HIGHLY CAPABLE KIDS - Help Parents Engage with their Children

Raising Highly Capable Kids (started by Focus on the Family) is a 13-week, evidence-based curriculum designed for **at-risk parents and children**. Parents are taught the 40 building blocks every child needs to grow, mature, and engage in healthy behaviors. During classes, parents share their experiences and desires for their families, which builds and strengthens community within the school, church, and city.

Because the program is values-based and not religious, public schools can host the classes. ***Your local church may choose to*** **1)** offer the class at your church to local parents by networking and advertising *OR* **2)** work with community schools, nonprofits, or other churches to bring the curriculum to a broader community base.

Providing meals and childcare will help make attending this class easier for the high-risk families you want to serve.

If you are interested in Raising Highly Capable Kids, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting rezilientkidz.com
- Reading their FAQs
- Understanding program impact results
- Watching a video
- Contacting RHCK certified trainer Tiffany Lawler with Rooted Families at tlawler@rootedfam.org

Grant Amount: *up to* $2,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Leader Training for Church volunteers (3 hours)
- Leader's Guides and USB Materials, Participant Guides, Taking 40 Assets Home Books, Conversation Wheels
- Childcare, Shared Meals, Advertising Stipend

KIDS HOPE USA - Build Life-Changing Relationships One at a Time

Does your church want to build life-changing relationships one at a time? Research shows that one of the most valuable assets that a child can be given is a healthy relationship with an adult. The most abundant resource in every church is the capacity for its members to share love. Person to person. With no agenda and no expectations.

Kids Hope USA has developed a proven, life-changing program through church-school partnerships that train and equip mentors to reach kids in public schools who are in need of caring, reliable, one-on-one relationships. Kids Hope provides churches with training and ongoing support. Additionally, Kids Hope will help your church gain entrance into a public school.

If you are interested in Kids Hope USA, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting kidshopeusa.org
- Watching a video from Kids Hope Founder (bring your tissues)
- Watching a Church promotion video or Reading through a brochure
- Start a conversation about your church or school potentially partnering with Kids Hope USA. Connect with Kara Nguyen at knguyen@kidshopeusa.org

Grant Amount: $1,350

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Year 1 Affiliate Costs
- Implementation Fee (Year 1 only)
- Year-End Student, Parent, Mentor, School Party
- Mentor T-Shirts

BIRDS AND BEES - Help Parents Take the Lead in Discussing Sexuality

Host an event for parents of children ages 1-10 and give them the knowledge and confidence to talk with their children about their bodies, where babies come from, and online safety. The curriculum is designed to help parents figure out what they want their kids to know about sex, find their voice, and articulate their values within the family unit.

The 10 short (2-10 min) video sessions come with a 40-page digital discussion guide full of questions to help enhance and personalize all of the information parents absorb while watching the videos. Video topics include: body vocabulary, birth, porn protection, reproduction, conception, continuing the conversation as the child matures, faith (optional), frequently asked questions (e.g., When do siblings stop bathing together?), and resources (books, websites, etc.).

The Birds and Bees' time-tested methods are backed by pediatricians, counselors, and parents. Their approach protects kids from confusing and degrading messages and strengthens families through healthy and safe communication.

If you are interested in Birds and Bees, you can explore it further at no risk by:

- Visiting www.birds-bees.com
- Following their Instagram page
- Listening to available podcasts

Grant Amount: $1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Curriculum (30-day License)
- Shared Meals
- Childcare
- Applicable Resources for Families

TRAIL LIFE USA - Engage Boys in Christ-Centered Adventure, Character Development, and Leadership

Too many boys are turning to virtual worlds of television, video games, digital media, and the internet to find realms they can conquer and areas where they can excel.

Trail Life USA is where boys thrive! Adults are equipped to lead a program in a structured outdoor environment where boys are engaged in real-world challenges and experience camping, hiking, and fishing; they develop skills in riflery, archery, and canoeing; and learn character and leadership in a practical, hands-on manner that is naturally engaging. Troops are for grades kindergarten through college.

If you are interested in Trail Life USA, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Finding out more about Trail Life
- Watching an introductory video
- Reviewing a Sample Handbook
- Contacting Dennis Conte, a regional Trail Life representative, to learn more at dconte@icloud.com

Grant Amount: $1,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Trail Life Learner Conference for Leaders (optional)
- Chartering Process and Welcome Kit
- Kick-Off Event and Advertising to the general public
- Outdoor Adventure purchases

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS - Offer a Christ-Centered Character Building Program to Girls

American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women (ages 5-18) that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. With each AHG Program Level, girls are introduced to new skills, experiences (including outdoor adventures) and leadership positions, as well as given opportunities to grow closer to the Lord and other girls.

If you are interested in American Heritage Girls, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Finding out more about American Heritage Girls
- Listening to an AHG podcast episode
- Learning about program levels or how to start a troop
- Reaching out to AHG for more information

Grant Amount: $1,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Chartering Process and Start-Up Box
- Kick-Off event and advertising to the general public
- First-Year Troop purchases

HELPING INDIVIDUALS FLOURISH ECONOMICALLY

CROWN FINANCIAL - Help Folks Flourish Economically with MoneyLife

MoneyLife is a 10-week course designed to help individuals move toward financial freedom by letting God's truth transform their financial thinking and behavior.

The *MoneyLife* finance study is designed to help participants overcome financial challenges and gain a life of meaning and purpose. This highly relational biblical financial study is intended to create interaction among group members that will foster mutual support and accountability for the entire group. The relational focus of this course makes it an ideal program to offer your non-churched community! The study provides solutions for both the symptoms and the root cause of financial problems. The curriculum combines solid Biblical teaching, powerful online tools, and hands-on practical experiences.

If you are interested in MoneyLife, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Finding out more about Crown Financial (formerly Larry Burkett's Financial Ministries)
- Watching an introductory video
- Listening to an episode of Crown's radio broadcast

Grant Amount: $1,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Facilitator Training by Chuck Bentley
- Online Curriculum for 16 OR Printed Workbooks for 11 students
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

OFFERING ADDICTION OR TRAUMA RECOVERY TOOLS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY* - Provide a Safe Community for Recovery **high investment program (long-term 12-Step Program)*

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a Christ-Centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling a person's life. CR can be started in a small group environment and move toward a large group format with worship nights over time.

CR can be taken by anyone struggling with: alcohol/drug addiction, sexual addiction, gambling addiction, physical-sexual-emotional abuse, codependency, eating disorders, and anger.

If you are interested in Celebrate Recovery, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting celebraterecovery.com
- Watching an introduction video, embedded on our website
- Reaching out to the area representative
- Attending leadership training (not required)

Grant Amount: $2,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Start-up Leader Kit
- Participant's Guide Set Volumes 1-4 for 19
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

THE GENESIS PROCESS - Offer a Biblical & Neurochemically Informed Recovery Curriculum **high investment program*

The Genesis Process is a Biblical and neurochemical curriculum and set of tools that helps participants identify areas of brokenness, gain new understanding of their self-destructive behavior, and then move toward healing. It is the goal of The Genesis Process and programs to be intimately involved in furthering the Great Commission through the successful restoration of broken lives. Genesis Change Groups can help those who are willing to address anxiety, anger, alcohol, drug or food abuse, a negative, critical attitude, or spiritual stagnation.

If you are interested in Genesis Process, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting genesisprocess.org
- Watching this video

Grant Amount: $1,600

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Online "Counselor" Training for 1 Leader
- 8-Month Change Group Video Subscription
- 1 Facilitator Guidebook
- 22 Student Workbooks
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

REBOOT RECOVERY - Serve Veterans, First-Responders, or the General Public Dealing with Trauma

REBOOT Recovery helps people overcome trauma so they can embrace a brighter future. They do this through their faith-based, outcomes-driven trauma healing courses. The courses provide a unique blend of clinical insight and Christian Faith-based support. REBOOT courses are safe, private, and peer-led. Churches offer participants childcare and a pre-discussion meal on a weekly basis to remove barriers to entry for families seeking help. REBOOT Combat Recovery (military), REBOOT First Responders, and Trauma REBOOT (for the general public) are available.

If trauma is our personal intersection with the brokenness of the world, recovery is our personal intersection with the redemptive heart of God. REBOOT teaches participants to engage in a balanced, three-dimensional approach to trauma healing addressing the physical, psychological, and spiritual. Participants learn to apply Biblical principles that address the causes and symptoms of Post-traumatic Stress and other mental health conditions resulting from trauma.

If you are interested in REBOOT Recovery, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting rebootrecovery.com
- Reading about the Leader Pass
- Reviewing a Sample Lesson
- Watching this video

Grant Amount: $1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Overcome Academy, Leader Pass, and/or Curriculum
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

THE REFUGE MINISTRIES* - Create a Safe Space for Domestic Abuse Survivors **high investment program (long-term support group model)*

The Refuge Ministries is a weekly support group that extends God's grace to survivors of domestic abuse. God calls his people to protect the oppressed. The Refuge combines mentoring and group support to help women understand abuse biblically, achieve safety, find healing in Christ, and learn how to establish new patterns. The Refuge Ministries also offers Turning Point, an intervention program for abusive men, and Refuge Kids, a place where children can find healing from the abuse they witness and experience within their parents' relationship.

If you are interested in The Refuge Ministries, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting refugeministries.com
- Listening to Refuge teachings on domestic abuse
- Reading Statement of Faith and Core Values
- Reviewing Mentor and Refuge Director Volunteer Job Descriptions
- Contacting Kelly Dehnert kcdehnert@gmail.com

Grant Amount: $2,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Leader Training
- Leader Training Manual
- Leader Manual
- 6 Student Workbooks
- Advertising and Childcare Stipend

Costs Not Covered by Grant:

- Staff and Volunteer Time
- Dedicated Cell Phone for Emergency Calls
- Travel, Lodging, and Food for 3-Day Training
- Above and Beyond Student Workbooks

PURE DESIRE MINISTRIES* - Offer Hope to Those Experiencing Unwanted Sexual Behavior & Betrayal Trauma **high investment program (long-term support group model)*

Pure Desire Ministries helps churches provide spiritual, emotional, relational, and psychological understanding and tools to individuals of all ages who are experiencing unwanted sexual behavior (including pornography) or marital betrayal. Materials are certified by the International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Professionals (IITAP) and designed by pastors for church use.

If you are interested in Pure Desires, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting puredesire.org
- Watch a sneak peek of the first leader training video
- Watch this interview with Josh McDowell and Pure Desire
- Watch this interview with Jay Stringer (Psycho-therapist, pastor, and author of Unwanted) and Pure Desire
- Watch this video on 7 Tips as You Begin Healing from Betrayal
- Schedule a call with Immanuel Garraway, Pure Desire's Church Relations Specialist

Grant Amount: $2,200

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- Church Individual Membership ($149/per year)
    - Includes training for up to 4 leaders
    - Access to Sexual Integrity 101 an introductory 8-week course. This video course is meant to be an introduction to sexual addiction groups and recovery.
    - Discounts on product purchases.
- Sexual Integrity 101 Workbooks ($200/10 workbooks)
- After completing the 101 Class choose 1 or 2 from the following courses. Curriculum costs vary. The average course length is approximately 9-10 months with optimal group sizes between 4-6 participants.
        - Conquer Series: For men with sex/porn addiction. Meant to follow the 101 course. The video series is highly recommended but not available through Pure Desire. Click on the link for purchasing information.

- Seven Pillars of Freedom: For men with sex/porn addiction issues. Often used after the Conquer Series. Can be used directly after the 101 class.
- Hope for Men: For men who have been hurt by a wife's addiction.
- Unraveled: For women who struggle with love, sex, and relationship issues.
- Betrayal & Beyond: For women who have been hurt by a husband's addiction
- Childcare, Food, and Advertising Stipend (up to $750)

Churches looking to expand their leadership team to 5+ leaders may request funding for the following. The total grant request may not exceed $2,200.

- Church Sign-Up Fee ($250 – 1x fee)
- Church Membership Fee ($600 for 12 months, includes Leader Training)
- Curriculum for Pure Desire courses
- Additional Childcare, Food, and Advertising Stipend ($300)

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GriefShare - Minister to Those Facing a Loss

There is no "right" way to grieve. GriefShare helps churches start a safe, welcoming support group where people can begin to understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, participants will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, they'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

If you are interested in GriefShare, you can explore further at no risk by:

- Visiting https://www.griefshare.org/
- Watching this trailer video
- Watching this video by and for pastors

Grant Amount: $1,500

Grant Funds May Be Used Toward:

- GriefShare Bundle (videos, leader and participant workbooks, online training access, promotional resources, free leader coaching, class tracking tools, bonus online videos)
- Advertising, Childcare, Snack or Shared Meal Stipend

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to https://gianfortefoundation.org/
2. Click on the "***Apply***" link in the navigation bar
3. Click "***Grant Application Log-in***"
4. Click the "***Create a New Account***" button
5. Fill out all of your account information
6. Select the Church Outreach application option
7. Fill out our "Contact Us" form if you have any questions