



Case Study



“To me, the biggest benefit of Microsoft Dynamics GP is the historical records that we have. I’m able to go back and look through information from ten to fifteen years ago if I wanted to.”

Diane, Business Administration Director



Twenty Years and Going Strong

Customer Profile

Home on the Range is a not-for-profit Catholic ranch providing guidance and assistance for teenagers in Western North Dakota.

Business Solution

Microsoft Dynamics GP offered the financial management, payroll capabilities and reporting that Home on the Range needed.

Benefits

- More comprehensive and flexible reporting
- Paperless functionality
- Direct Deposit
- Secure audit trail

Demographics

Industry: Not-for-Profit
Employees: 80
Users: 2

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Situation

In the early 90’s, Home on the Range, a ranch providing education, therapy, guidance and activities for teens in western North Dakota, was completing all of their accounting functions by hand, including payroll, W-2’s, reporting and accounts payable. Assembled spreadsheets that were feet long hung on walls and the General Ledger books filled several bookshelves.

Once accounting software started hitting the shelves, the team at Home on the Range spent hours researching QuickBooks compared to Great Plains Software and which would best fit their not-for-profit needs. They turned to Carol Rogne and DFC Consultants for assistance.

Solution

While QuickBooks would cover their basic needs, they recognized that Great Plains provided advanced functionality that they could utilize to better run their business not only then, but years down the road.

Home on the Range immediately began seeing results in improved efficiency and accuracy. Their payroll process went from two days to two hours and their reports became automatically generated instead of manually put together.

Several years after their initial implementation, Great Plains Software was purchased by Microsoft and became Microsoft Dynamics GP. The transition was seamless and as Microsoft continued to develop the product, new features and functionality was included. Each year, Home on the Range pays an annual renewal fee based on the number of users they have. That fee covers additional enhancements and features that are added to GP. Since implementation, there have been seven new releases of Microsoft Dynamics GP, equating to over a million hours of research and development and several thousand new features and functions.

Each new release delivers most requested features, enabling the system to deliver functionality needed by today’s users. Because of the frequent updates, users at Home on the Range know they have access to the best software solution for their needs now and in the future.

Benefits

Direct Deposit and Payroll

The HR module includes payroll and direct deposit features that allows the accountants at Home on the Range to complete payroll in only two hours. Staff are equipped to handle even the most complex payroll requirement and can automate much of the process, reducing overhead costs.

Paperless Options

Through the paperless options in GP, Home on the Range stores all of their information on a server off-site and has no need to print or maintain paper copies. Vital space can now be utilized more effectively because storage of files and paper is no longer necessary.

Complete Audit Trail

Each entry, change or update made in Microsoft Dynamics GP is tracked by the system, allowing for a 100% accurate audit trail. Audit trails work by capturing a snapshot of a Microsoft Dynamics GP document every time a change is made, then makes a record of the time, date and User ID associated with the change. It also captures the before-change data values and the after-change data values associated with the change.

Historical Records

At any time, the accountants at Home on the Range can access data entered into the system from any year, dating back to 1994 when they implemented the software initially. Up to 999 periods of financial journal entries and budgets can be saved in the general ledger.

