

# “Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

FALL 2016

## DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 463 people homeless in Minnehaha County alone. This includes 126 children.
- We currently serve 38 females, 31 males and 7 families.
- All the guests of the St. Francis House are required to obtain & maintain employment
- The St. Francis House is a zero tolerance facility
- Case managers meet with our guests to develop budgets to pay off debts.

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## ANOTHER YEAR OF SUCCESS!



### Thank you to all the Sponsors and Attendees for making the 13th Annual Fundraiser another successful event!

Thanks to donors, like yourself, our 13th Annual Dinner & Auction held on September 19th at the Sioux Falls Convention Center was a huge success.

Over 330 attendees were able to hear messages from five speakers we honored who have been part of our family at the St. Francis House. They have blessed us with their generosity and others worked our program and reached great success. We announced the recipient of our “Instrument of Courage” award to Falls Dental Centre for their continued generosity. Jessica Quissell received the “Instrument of Love”

for her dedication to the mission of the St. Francis House. Linwood Wesleyan Church received the “Instrument of Love” for their years of preparing and serving dinners to our guests. Melvin received our “Instrument of Hope” award along due to his success with our program and being able to save enough money to purchase his own home. Finally, our success story for the evening, Matt Ellis received a special “Instrument of Faith” award. This award was created for a past guest that epitomizes the mission of the St. Francis House. Please read his story in our newsletter. During the evening,

we raised funds for a specific cause through a fund-a-mission. This year’s fund-a-mission was placed towards our family unit located at 6th & Nesmith. The funds raised will be used to replace siding, windows and install a fence around the back yard to keep our kiddos safe when playing outside. If you were unable to attend, you can still contribute to the fund-a-mission by mailing your donation to the St. Francis House. Thank-you to our amazing supporters & sponsors (listed on the next page), you truly are not only improving the lives of our guests, but the community of Sioux Falls.

# HELPFUL DONATIONS

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- Coffee Creamer/ Sugar
- Butter/Margarine
  - Cold Cereals
  - Chips for Sack Lunches
  - Sliced Cheese
- Cooking Sprays
- Dishwasher Tablets
- Grated Cheeses
  - Fresh Produce
- Plastic Sandwich Bags
  - Aluminum Foil
- Cleaning Supplies
- Postage Stamps
- Desitin Diaper Rash Cream
- Gift Cards (grocery, Walmart, phone, etc.)
- Brown lunch bags
  - Toilet Paper
  - Bleach
- Ranch Dressing
- Ladies Size 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 Black Dress Pants
  - Q-Tips
- Ground Beef
  - Chicken
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
  - Lunch Meat
  - Peanut Butter
  - Mayonnaise
- Industrial Mop Heads
  - Jelly
  - Pop Tarts
  - Tampons
- Ladies Underwear – Sizes 6,7,8 and 9

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# Thank You

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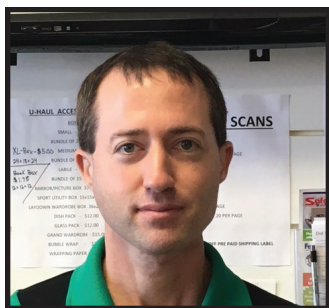
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 Year Round Brown

# GUEST TESTIMONIAL: Matt's Story

While I was serving time in the Minnehaha County Jail in February, March and April of 2014. I was desperate to find a sentencing alternative that didn't involve prison or even worse more time in the county jail. I wrote a letter to Julie Becker and she was nice enough to reply and give me a second chance living at the St. Francis House as I had made some mistakes a few years prior and was asked to leave. With some help from my lawyer, the judge agreed to release me to the St. Francis House in mid-April of 2014. Thankfully, I had a job waiting for me when I was released. The hours I work were long and at odd times of the day, plus I was completing treatment 3 days a week at Choices Recovery. The St. Francis House and their staff were more than accommodating. Allowing me to get what sleep I could and saving meals for me to eat at all hours of the day. With the help of an excellent letter of referral from Julie, after 3 months at the house the judge agreed to sentence me to 1 year at the St. Francis House and suspended all my jail time. Providing I stay sober, stay on the 24/7 program and stay in good standing with all the rules and guidelines of the St. Francis House. I can't tell you what a relief this was to me.

While in jail in 2014,



I began to develop an irritation on the side of my tongue. At the time I chalked it up to the god awful diet they provided for inmates. This, however, was not the case. After seeing a doctor at Sioux Falls Community Health who referred me to see a dentist. After seeing an oral surgeon who does pro bono work for Community Health that the irritation which had grown and was so painful I could hardly eat, was cancerous. My first question was, is it terminal? He told me no and we moved forward from there. I was referred to a group of specialists at Sanford Health who have taken care of me with full effort despite my lack of health insurance and ability to pay for any of my care. Over the next several months, there were 2 surgeries and worst of all by far 6 weeks of radiation treatment to my head and neck area. I have always valued my health and have always been in good health. Prior to this cancer diagnosis I hadn't seen a doctor more than a few times in 15 years. It was and continues to be a trying ordeal both mentally and physically.

This brings me back to the St. Francis House and their staff. I can say without a doubt in my mind that they helped me make it through this fight in one piece. I was bed ridden for a few weeks, was unable to eat anything solid for nearly 4 months, all while trying to maintain a full time job and most importantly stay sober. During this time, staff always asked how I was feeling and offered help in any way possible. They smiled and stayed patient with me as my mood wasn't always the best it could be. Most of all, they were there for me as support when I needed it the most. I have a few family members in town thankfully, but not many friends. If I hadn't been living in the supportive environment of the St. Francis House I don't believe I would have maintained my sobriety or my freedom. Despite all that has transpired I left the St. Francis House with enough money to pay off the wreckage of debt I created before the events that led me to jail. I am proud to say, that in 2015 I opened up my own business called Safe Ship, located at 2821 E. 10th Street. It's been a long 20 year struggle. However, I have a bright future in front of me. I will never forget what the St. Francis House did for me and will continue to move forward by taking life one day and one struggle at a time.

## In Memory Of:

Lillie Becker  
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## In Honor Of:

Steve & Diane Larson  
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*But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.*

~ Luke 14: 13-14

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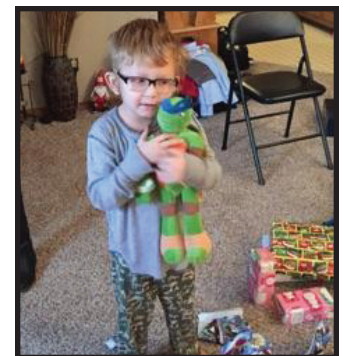
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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**14th Annual Dinner & Auction**  
**• July 24, 2017**

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