

Give back to those in need.

2020 HOLIDAY APPEAL



# ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

Moving People from Homelessness to Hope.

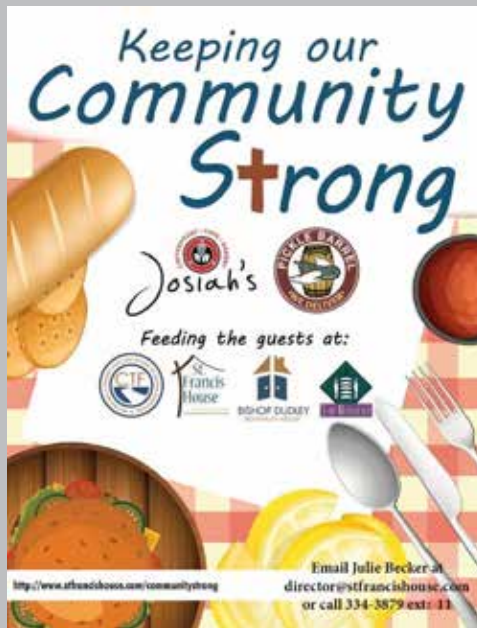
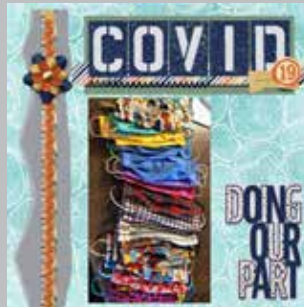
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we're all  
IN THIS  
together

2020 has been a year of uncertainty and difficult times. The St. Francis House has been blessed to move into our new home, which has kept us safe and healthy. Our guests reached a significant milestone by hitting the goal of paying off \$1 million in restitution to

South Dakota counties. When the pandemic hit our community, many of our guests lost their jobs or had a reduction in hours. During this time, our staff and guests began volunteering to help other agencies, strengthened our partnerships with other agencies by

working together to meet the needs of those in our community, provided food boxes to individuals in isolation who did not have other resources and took on Keep KELOLand Warm so those needing coats could be kept warm during the upcoming winter season.



# HELP SUPPORT OUR HOME



**NEEDS FOR OUR HOUSE:**  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies, Copy Paper



**NEEDS FOR OUR GUESTS:**  
Coats, Hats, Gloves / Mittens, Sweatshirts, Lunch Bags



**NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS:**  
Serving Meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner), Driving Transit Van to Bring Guests to Work



**NEED FOR VEHICLE DONATIONS:**  
By donating to our guests, you are helping them gain more independence to make the move from Homelessness to Hope!



**LET'S GET SOCIAL!**

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**Ashton:**

- Works at Taco John's
- My goal is to finally be successful in all aspects of my life while doing things 100% honestly and the right way.
- The staff's willingness to always be supportive even if you have bumps in your program. To help you achieve your goals and their belief in us when you feel like giving up and throwing in the towel.
- The hardest thing was to earn my license back and being 100% legal to drive and paying off all my restitution

**152**  
WOMEN SERVED in 2019

**Sandra:**

- Works at Hardee's
- Works on getting my children back and being stable
- Love the food and my case manager
- My biggest achievement is remaining sober, moving away from home and starting over

**Amanda:**

- Employed at Saver's
- Focusing on being a better person
- Having a bed and place to stay when I had nothing is the best thing about the house.
- Rebuilding relationships has been the hardest thing I have accomplished

**Camille:**

- Works at Taco John's & Qdoba
- My goals are to maintain my employment, sobriety and work on self-improvement
- Love the volunteers, house activities, my case manager and the other staff
- Maintaining my sobriety and maintaining consistency with my self-help groups

**Tonia:**

- Works at Mr. Goodcents
- Wants to save money, pay debts & maintain sobriety
- Love the staff & meals
- Hardest thing I have accomplished is getting my driver's license to be a legal driver

**John:**

- Employed at Millennium Recycling
- My goal is to do good, work hard to help others learn and be able to live on my own again
- The St. Francis House gives me support, guidance and the mentoring I need
- I finally have found God and can begin trusting people again

**William:**

- I work sales for AT&T
- My main goal is maintaining my sobriety
- The home allows me to save for my own place
- My biggest accomplishment is maintaining my sobriety

**Vince:**

- I work for Tzadik Management full time and McDonald's part time
- My goal is to be able to take care of myself and not be a burden on others
- I have met amazingly wonderful altruistic kind hearted staff and guests at the house. They afforded me a home & I am forever grateful
- In the past, I would waste my money. I've learned to have more respect for money and it's hard to earn

**160**  
MEN SERVED in 2019

**Ler:**

- Work at Sanderson Concrete
- My goal is to save up \$10,000!
- The staff are always helpful and cool. They hold me accountable and always build me up
- I am able to maintain my sobriety and be very dependable to my employer

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We provide **THREE** well balanced meals a day, plus snacks for our guests.

**Martina:**

- I love my job at Dairy Queen
- I need to remain sober so I can go home to my kids
- I love the food! I need the accountability and stability at the St. Francis House
- I am so proud to have paid off \$7,000 in restitution!!!

**\$15,365**  
A guest moved out with **\$15,365 IN THEIR SAVINGS ACCOUNT**, debt free after paying off \$7,475.60 in debt.

**Gemechu:**

- Works at Select Company
- My goal is to become independent and get my own place
- The St. Francis House has given me the ability to stay sober
- I struggle everyday because I miss my kids

**20**  
FAMILIES SERVED in 2019

**Daigton:**

- Love my job at Dakota Kitchen & Bath
- My goal is to become self-sufficient and feeling independent
- The St. Francis House was kind enough to bless me with an opportunity to get back on my feet and try again. They took a risk and I am forever grateful!
- My greatest accomplishment is saving enough money to get my own place.

**50/50**  
Our guests are required to deposit all of any financial source of income into an account we establish for them at the St. Francis House. **50% OF THESE FUNDS ARE FROZEN** to be used for rent and/or deposit when they leave our home. The remaining **50% OF THEIR CHECK IS TO BE USED TO PAY ON THEIR DEBTS** such as fines, restitution, child support, utilities, previous rent, etc.

**100%** ALL of our guests are required to obtain and maintain full-time employment.  
**ZERO**  
We are **ZERO** tolerant of alcohol, drugs and gambling. Helping our guests maintain sobriety and continue recovery!

**361**  
Guests were **EMPLOYED FULL-TIME** with an additional **THIRTY SEVEN** Guests also having a **PART-TIME JOB**.

**422** The **LONGEST LENGTH OF STAY** FOR A GUEST WAS **422 DAYS**, with an average length of stay being 76 days.

**\$185,908**  
In fiscal year 2019 (July-June), **\$185,908.40** was paid to South Dakota counties for fines and restitution with an additional **\$16,301** paid in child support. Over **\$1 million** paid in total.