



The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

~ Proverbs 22:9



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# ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

*Moving People from Homelessness to Hope.*

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## THANK YOU FOR A RECORD BREAKING YEAR!

Thank you to all the Corporate Sponsors, Volunteers and Attendees for making the 14th Annual Dinner & Auction a huge success!

For donors, such as you, our 14th Annual Dinner & Auction held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel on July 24, 2017, it was an unbelievable evening.

With over 400 attendees, the room was fun of excitement while socializing and placing bids on 60 silent auction packages. After a delicious dinner, the excitement continued with the start of our Live Auction packages, our Auctioneer Jonathan Larsen gets the attendees having a blast playing Heads & Tails game, which is always a big hit with those in attendance.

We then heard a heartfelt

speech from our "Instrument of Hope" award winner Dan Meyer. See Dan's story following in this newsletter.

Our award winners were announced, each received a beautiful Homeless Jesus statue. The "Instrument of Courage" award to Sunshine Foods – Hartford for their continued generosity. Diane Bastemeyer & Carmen Britt received the "Instrument of Love" award for their 28 years of serving dinners to our guests. Kelly Heikens & friends received the "Instrument of Peace" award for the many years of preparing and serving our guests. A very special award was presented to Rick Nath & Dawn Duerkson with Citi in honor of longtime supporter Jerry Nachtigal, he made such an impact on people's lives.

During the evening, we raised funds for a specific cause through our fund-a-mission.

Our Executive Director, Julie Becker announced that we will be starting our Capital Campaign in November for a new shelter. The funds raised during the fund-a-mission will go towards the preliminary planning process. If you were unable to attend, you can still contribute the fund-a-mission by mailing your donation to the St. Francis House or online be going to [www.stfranchishouse.com](http://www.stfranchishouse.com) and click on the Donate button.

Thank you to our amazing supporters, sponsors & volunteers (listed on the next page), you are truly not only improving the lives of our guests, but the entire community of Sioux Falls.



# HELPFUL DONATIONS

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken

- Canned Kidney beans
- Canned Chili beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Cream of chicken soup
- Instant potatoes

- Alfredo sauce
- Spaghetti sauce
- Ranch salad dressing
- Salsa
- Garlic powder
- Garlic salt
- Sugar

- Brown sugar
- Cooking spray
- Coffee creamer
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Hand can opener
- Paper towels

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISER EVENT SPONSORS

Thank you to the following sponsors for contributing to the success of our 14th Annual Dinner & Auction:

### Platinum Corporate

**Sponsors:** Sammons Financial, First Premier Bank and Bank Card, Dizco, Inc. and K & J Trucking

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**Sponsors:** First National Bank, GeoTek Engineering, Quality Printing, Sands Drywall, Plains Commerce Bank, Wollman Insurance, Northwestern Energy, Wells Fargo, Shopko, Vance Thompson Eye Clinic

Thank you to these and all of our other sponsors and volunteers! We could not have had this hugely successful event without you!

## SUCCESS STORY: 'This experience gave me integrity, humility and confidence...'

My name is Dan Meyer; I was referred to the St. Francis House by a friend. I was in a very rough spot in my life. I checked into the house in February of 2016. I didn't realize that Julie Becker was the Director; I am from Luverne and knew her and her family growing up. I was assigned to a bed in the basement, and was there for a while. I got a job working for Command Center, working at the Convention Center. I worked and went to AA meetings on a regular basis. During this time, I started building my relationship back with my sons. Then started working at Beck & Hofer Construction, during this time I was able to move to the Sherman House and was put on Hope status. I worked with Beck & Hofer until August. I then worked for Jans Corporation for a short time. I then went back to the Command Center, working at the Convention Center doing janitorial work and worked for them until about Christmas time. I had applied for a job with the Sioux Falls School District, through a process of paperwork I was hired at Lincoln High School as a janitor.

Julie helped get paperwork



**538**

days sober (as of 7/20/17)

**18**

months of sobriety (as of 7/28/17)

**368**

meetings attended

**15**

months at St. Francis House (Feb 6, 16 to May 10, 17)

**\$9,000**

saved to start my life over again.

around the house as much as my schedule allowed, 3-4 hours a day normally.

My boys are my life and what I live for God, Cole Carter (16) & Alex Daniel (24).

I left the St. Francis House on May 10, 2017 and moved to Mankato, MN to be closer to my boys. I started working for Gary at Care Takers in Mankato, Gary is my AA sponsor and his daughter Lindsey is my boss.

Though going to AA meetings at least 3-4 meeting per week, I am sober and living a great life today!

St. Francis House taught me to be humble and grateful, and to protect the blind side at all time. This experience gave me integrity, humility and confidence to be able move on with my life!

straight and we got my license January, 1 day after 1 year of sobriety.

St. Francis gave me a car on January 2, 2017 it is a 2005 Dodge Stratus, so grateful for the St. Francis House for what they did for me. I would help

- Liquid laundry soap
- Dryer sheets
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic wrap
- Cough drops
- Cold and flu medicine day and night (capsules)
- Sinus/decongestant medicine (capsules)
- Conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Postage stamps
- Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt)
- Hats
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Scarves
- Kitchen towels
- Kitchen dishcloths
- Shower curtain
- Shower liner
- Shower curtain rings

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*Anything you use in your home, we use in ours (just 10 times faster!)*

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## WHERE DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?

Did you know that 549,000 Americans are homeless on a typical night in the USA. There are 955 individuals, 56% men, 44% women & 201 children in South Dakota staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing or motels paid for by a non-profit and unsheltered individuals' who are staying in vehicles, on the streets or in a place not meant for human habilitation.

In Lincoln & Minnehaha Counties there are 322 homeless men, women & children on a typical night.

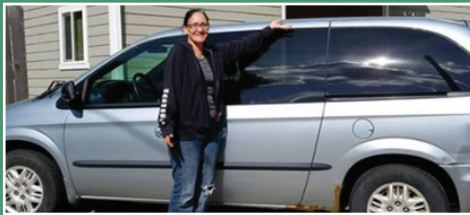


### GUEST SPOTLIGHT:

#### Robbie Marsh

I would like to say the St. Francis House has helped me in my road to recovery in many ways such as a place to live, good food and many other resources available.

The St. Francis House has been very helpful to my 273 days of being sober and drug free by providing structure, rules, scheduling and helping me relearning and maintaining a positive healthy way of life and living skills. I appreciate all the psychological and mental support of the staff who I have gotten to know and who have helped me.



#### A WELL DESERVED VEHICLE FOR JENNIFER

Jennifer has spent a lot of time in and out of prison. Her son and daughter have been mostly been raised by relatives. She had a brief stay with us, before being sent back to prison. She eventually paroled here. Her goal was to have both children back in her custody. We moved her into a family unit where she was reunited with her daughter. Approximately 60 days later she was granted custody of her son. Jennifer is now being asked by Narcotics Anonymous groups to do speaking engagements so others can see that it is possible no matter how long you have been in your addiction, you can find a new way of life. After being paroled, she went through some major losses but was able to reach out for help both here at the house and in the community. Jennifer and her two children moved into their own place the end of September.

Paying it forward with a donated van from a donor was a great tool to help Jennifer continue her success in life. We wish her and her children the best in the future! Oh, the places you'll go...

#### AN EASY WAY TO GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

You can schedule monthly, quarterly or an annual gift through ACH (Automated Clearing House) debits.

ACH debit allows you to make your donation electronically. It is more efficient, cost-effective program for both you and the St. Francis House.

For more information, please contact Dawn Rang @ 605-929-1603 or email [development@stfrancishouse.com](mailto:development@stfrancishouse.com)

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Thank you to the ladies of Christ the King who served our guests in September 2017.



These girls from Troop 56115 served dinner to our guests in August. They also had a rummage sale to benefit us and shopped from our needs list with their earnings.



Thank you to the employees from Raven Industries for spending time with us in September. They helped prepare the sack lunches our guests take to work.

**THANK YOU  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**



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