

“For I know the plan I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
 Jeremiah 29:11



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ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

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VOLUNTEER: ‘...They need strong people around them...’

I volunteer for the St. Francis house every week for two major reasons. 1) I believe our past does not define us and we all struggle on a daily basis. It is up to us to decide our future and

where our path will go. 2) A major reason I volunteer is when people are in a tough situation they need strong people around them to give them the straight truth in life and hope that there

is a future. Things can happen to us and the world may seem like it’s ending but we have been put on this Earth for a long journey not a short one

- Michael, Volunteer

EMPLOYER: 'We look forward to each challenge and success'

St. Francis House has been an incredible partner to work with. There is a sense of family and true commitment by Julie, the director, and Brad as the workforce developer, they are the binding link between their mission and the workplace. We work towards a common goal of growing people's potential in our community.

Millennium Recycling has really grown from developing our employment culture around the needs and process of the St. Francis House and people in the community that need a hand up and a chance to have a place to start and grow in the workforce. We offer a place to work for their residents but we have also made a commitment to take additional steps in helping people through their personal challenges. St. Francis has been fantastic about communicating with us regularly and teaching people responsibility and showing their residents the opportunity to grow as an individual through a commitment to a job. They help us fill a need for staffing within our plant and we hope to help them grow their residents towards their goals as productive members of society. Their encouragement



and helping us understand the needs of those who pass through our workplace really has energized us to change how we handle employment. Instead of it just being someone who collects a paycheck to taking extra steps to encourage people to stay at their job, reinforcing their day to day sobriety or whatever other challenges each individual comes to us with.

Each person's story and background is different and it is amazing to see when someone embraces the kind nod, the ability to tell their story, the ability to be treated equally and respected in a work environment away from their difficult circumstances. They are given tools, support, a push

of encouragement from the St. Francis staff to show up each day and build their life. Watching this has taught us that with tools no matter how small – even the slightest recognition can go a long way with someone. Life lessons are being learned by all of us and it has been made more apparent and more important that we all need to work together to hold each other up no matter where we come from in life.

We are proud to be involved and to contribute to the St. Francis House and mission. I am blessed to work with them and so is Millennium Recycling. We look forward to each challenge and success along the way!

- Shannon, Employer



GUEST: 'I am a Success Story about the Survival of Addiction'

As was passing through the State of SD in 2013, I received charges that lead to my residency here at the St. Francis House in 2015. Straight out of prison they gave me the opportunity to get my life back on track, not being a resident of SD; I would have ended up homeless, scared and afraid.

I rebounded quickly with a job that lead to financial stability, unfortunately, being very adolescent at the age of 35, and still in the mind-set of an addict, I broke several major rules and was not willing to adhere to the road to recovery and a very bad attitude to the normalcy of life. I was terminated from the transitional living at the St. Francis House and was absconded to California, ending up in a near death experience, changed me forever and probably saved my life.

It took 2 1/2 weeks in transport to get back to the Women's Prison in Pierre where I found a determination for a new outlook in life and a profound declaration for Jesus Christ my Savior.



In returning back to the St. Francis House in 2018, a second chance was given to me through forgiveness and understanding by staff members. Almost immediately Allisha, Julie and Carolee all noticed changes to my personality and attitude.

With a new outlook, I got a job on my 3rd day here with intense drive to succeed on the road of life. I have followed all program rules and carried out my proclamations of good behavior contracts, I am excelling in becoming a

steadfast exemplary mentor to my peers, while being on Hope Status!! The foundation and basic building blocks of my new found life set, I plan on utilizing this structured environment to get my debt, restitution and child support paid off. While in the meantime being able to also have a savings account for securing my financial stability so I may begin life anew with my children back in Indiana. Having the motivational tools for success, has been the key element in living in the St. Francis House and abiding by the rules and obligations. Being taught life skills and volunteering to go above and beyond what is asked of you has also helped me with new experiences, through a compassionate and enduring environment, has helped me become the person I am today.

My effort has paid off by rewards through my own gain. I am truly blessed!!! Thank you dearly for your support to the St. Francis House and I am a success story about the survival of addiction!

- Kristyna D., Guest

Help Provide A Warm Place to Stay for More Area Homeless

As we embrace this cold snap and bundle up to stay warm, there are so many who are not as fortunate and need our prayers.

The St. Francis House is committed to meeting the needs of our community to provide housing for individuals and

families seeking a place to rebuild their lives where they can maintain their sobriety, working on their goals and pay debts back to society. In April, we hope to break ground to build a new home not only for our current guests, but also expand to serve more individuals. We

need your help to cross the finish line by making a gift to our Homelessness to Hope Capital Campaign. Every single gift, no matter the size, will help us build this new home. Please consider making a gift or pledge to our campaign to build a new home for our guests.

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