



“Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

FALL 2014

**Save the Date,
November 3rd**



Join us to celebrate the successes YOU have made possible. On November 3rd at 4:30 p.m. we will be holding the Sherman House’s (212 N. Sherman) ribbon cutting. We will provide the snacks, drinks, and camaraderie. YOU just need a smile and a generous heart to attend!

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Another Year, Another Evening of Supporting Success

Thanks to donors, like yourself, our 11th Annual Dinner & Auction on September 22nd at the Sioux Falls Convention Center was a success. Over 430 St. Francis House supporters attended, making this year’s event our largest to date!

At the event, we honored four special individuals who have blessed us with their generosity and successes over the past year. We awarded the “Instrument of Courage” to Sioux Falls Ovations for their continued generosity. This year alone they have provided us with over 2,000 pounds of food.

Nalo Johnson and her two children received the “Instrument of Love” for their dedication to the mission of the St. Francis House. Nalo and her children come every Saturday to pack sack lunches for two hours.

Finally, our success stories for the evening,



Randy Hoogendorn and the Dye Family, received our “Instrument of Hope” awards. Please read their stories on the inside pages. The award winners’ acceptance speeches can be viewed on our website under our “Newsroom” tab.

During the evening, we raised funds for a specific cause through a fund-a-mission. This year’s fund-a-mission was placed towards a recently purchased home on our

complex, the Sherman House. The funds raised will be used to renovate the home to increase the number of women we can serve. 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, you truly are not only improving the lives of our guests, but the community of Sioux Falls.



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HELPFUL DONATIONS

- Coffee
- Coffee Creamer/Sugar
- Butter/Margarine
- Cold Cereals
- Chips for Sack Lunches
- Sliced Cheese
- Cooking Spays
- Dishwasher Tablets
- Grated Cheeses
- Fresh Produce
- Plastic Sandwich Bags
- Aluminum Foil
- Napkins
- Laundry Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Postage Stamps
- Diapers
- Gift Cards (grocery, Walmart, phone, etc.)
- Office Supplies (copy paper, etc.)
- Over the Counter Medications
- Brown lunch bags
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Bleach
- Coffee Filters
- Sugar

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Dye Family's Story

2014 "Instrument of Hope" Winners

Due to a string of unfortunate events, Chrissy Dye found herself laid-off and in need of a way to support her children. She needed a steady, dependable stream of income and believed that starting her own business was the route to take. The business, after starting off at a profitable rate, soon began to dip in sales and eventually was forced to close its doors.

Chrissy, with the loss of her business, and having trouble finding a full-time job lost her apartment of five years. She tried applying for different family programs, but was ineligible because of her rental history and income. Chrissy's only choice was to move her boys and herself into her mother's home. After a short time, her mother also lost her home forcing everyone to move into Chrissy's sister's house.



Chrissy, realizing the unstable environment where she was raising her children continued her search for a home for her family. Her search lead her to the steps of the St. Francis House. She hoped the St. Francis House's program would allow her to save money in order to afford a home for her family. In the fall of 2013, she requested to be put on our waiting list. After only a few short weeks, Chrissy was called for an interview and moved in one day later.

She found herself overwhelmed at the beauty and size of the apartment. Months of living on couches had come to an end. For the first time in years, there was hope for a bright

future.

On December 14th, 2013, Chrissy's daughter, Destiny, now seeing that her family had a stable house moved back from Las Vegas to live with her family permanently. Then, in March of 2014 Chrissy's husband, JL, was able to move into the St. Francis House. After years of being apart, their family was all together. The St. Francis House has provided the Dye Family with the opportunity to not only be re-united, but to grow together. Recently, the Dye's were able to receive a small house loan. They are now able to support themselves and provide a home for their family.

Join the Season of Giving

Adopt-a-family for the Holiday Season

Help us spread the joy of Christmas by being matched with a family-in-need. You could help a family with children who has been referred to us and accepted into our adopt-a-family program. You can choose the size of the family and whether you would like to meet your family. Help bring



a smile to a child-in-need on Christmas morning



by sharing your personal gifts!

Randy's Story

2014 "Instrument of Hope" Winner

After a string of unfortunate failed business ventures starting in 2006, I found myself with no plan, disenchanted, angry, depressed, broke, and somewhat adrift.

Alcohol had become my friend during the past few years and it became an easy way to comfort the pain of disappointment and frustration. My drinking continued until I ended up getting a string of DUIs and wrecking a vehicle leading to the realization that my life had become dangerously out of control.

It was time to take action, to stop the harmful behavior, so I voluntarily admitted myself to a 30-day inpatient treatment at HSC in Yankton. I arrived with the belief that they would "fix" me, little did I know, just how wrong that belief was.

After being discharged from treatment, I was laid off from my job and the old feelings of disappointment and



desperation returned. It only took a few months to find myself back in the situation I was trying to break away from.

My family was kind enough to let me stay with them during part of this time in order to help me get back on my feet, but my sense of self-worth led me to believe that I did not deserve the kindness I was being given. I began feeling even more hopeless, worthless, burdensome, and useless. I just wanted to escape but I did not know how; I had lost my sense of direction and purpose.

At some point I felt like a person who had been sleepwalking and abruptly woken up, only to discover he did not know where he was

or how he had gotten there. I was truly lost. My behavior and attitude led to events that resulted in another DUI. After spending some time in jail, and being placed on probation, I found myself at the St. Francis House.

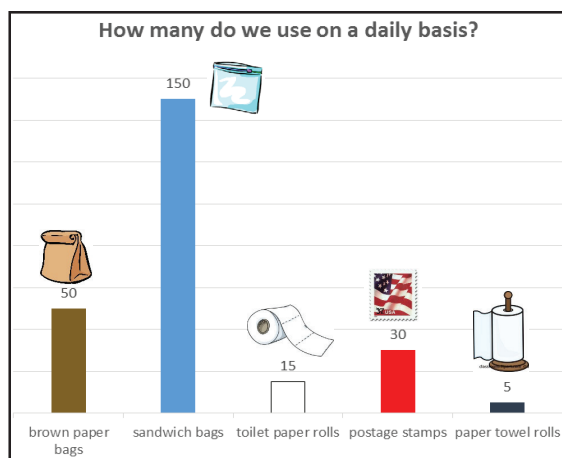
I was required to attend an aftercare group and participate in support group meetings. I began to realize that if I was not putting forth some effort, nothing would improve or change. I learned that there is no magic cure, no quick "fix", but only a lot of hard work, soul searching, and honesty.

My involvement and success with recovery is responsible, in part, due to the St. Francis House. I was granted an opportunity to devote the time needed to focus on my personal needs. I am very grateful for the supportive, helpful staff and volunteers who have taken a personal interest in my welfare. I sincerely hope that other people are able to achieve as positive an experience at this marvelous place as I have.

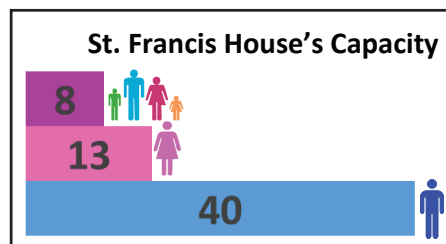
In Memory Of:

Gladys Benson
 Ashley Johnson
 Gleen Bucknell
 Harlen Johnson
 Wallace Hortness
 Segeant Hurst
 Artis Curtis
 Gil Haugen Sr.
 Pauline Grendler
 Mike Mancuso
 Patrick F. McDonald
 Patty Thier
 Deloris "sis" Schuldt
 Ervin Oberloh
 Deb Freking
 Angie Twedt
 Patricia Berding
 Arnie Juhler
 Patricia Bennett
 Bob Honomichl
 Jack Sturdevant
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 Steve Carson
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 Myrtle Pedersen
 Bill Doetzal
 Michael Groeneveld
 Ray Kolbeck
 Marilyn Miller
 Phyllis Jarding
 Mark Andmanson
 Alma Johnson
 Thomas Braithwaite
 Tyler Snyders
 Elmer Moeller
 Kelly Hosek
 Bill Geppert
 George Osborn
 Dorothy Salberg

St. Francis House: By the Numbers



Sack Lunches distributed to the Hungry EVERY DAY





Quad-Multi Family Housing



Main Shelter



Dudley Duplex



Tri-Plex

Board Members:

- John Richardson,
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Support Growth

We recently purchased a new property for the St. Francis House complex, the Sherman House (212 N. Sherman Ave). Your generous donations have made our new property possible. We are still seeking donations to be placed towards the remodeling of the home's basement. The basement remodel will increase the number of woman we can serve.

The purchase of this new property will allow us to turn the Dudley Duplex back into a family housing unit and increase our services, depending upon available donations, up to 13 women. This will increase the number of



guests we are able to serve by 2 families, and 5 women.

In the words of one of our current female guests, April, "The house just feels like home." Please stop by for a tour of our new home.

