



“Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

SUMMER 2015

WAYS TO HELP:

1. Volunteer with us by serving a meal or packing sack lunches
2. Organize a basic needs drive
3. Provide hope to our guests through financial support

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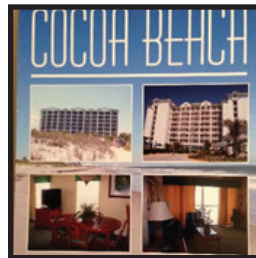
2015 Dinner & Auction: Show your Support!

Come join us at 2015 Dinner & Auction on September 21st at the Sioux Falls Convention Center to raise awareness and funds to help move our guests from homelessness to hope!

Our event is free to attend and includes a dinner, silent & live auctions, stories from our guests, and games.

We hope to see you and your friends there!

This year's Live Auction Highlights include:



A 9-Day Florida Beach Vacation



A Princess Party



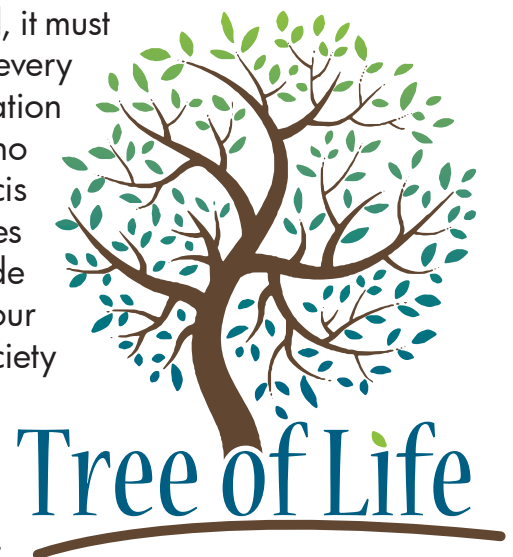
Weatherman for a Day



Suite at a Stampede Game

Introducing the St. Francis House Tree of Life

In order for a tree to grow and expand, it must receive care, support and be nurtured every day. The same is true for an organization that provides service to the homeless who live in our community. The St. Francis House's Tree of Life Society constitutes a group of donors who seeks to provide the care, support and nurturing to our agency. Those committed to this society provide a monthly gift to foster the growth of our mission "moving people from homelessness to hope" only a monthly basis.



If you would like to become part of this society, please contact the Executive Director at (605) 334-3879 ext: 11 or director@stfrancishouse.com for more information.

HELPFUL DONATIONS

Coffee
Coffee Creamer/Sugar
Butter/Margarine
Bottled Water
Cold Cereals
Chips for Sack Lunches
Sliced Cheese
Cooking Sprays
Dishwasher Tablets
Grated Cheeses
Fresh Produce
Plastic Sandwich Bags
Aluminum Foil
Napkins
Plastic Wrap
Postage Stamps
Diapers
Gift Cards (grocery, Walmart, phone, etc.)
Office Supplies (copy paper, etc.)
Over the Counter
Lunch Meats
Medications
Brown lunch bags
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Coffee Filters
Shampoo/Conditioner
Sugar

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Julie Becker -
Executive Director

Grandma's Mission to Live to Give Back

My reasons are many for volunteering at the St. Francis House. I use to stay here after losing everything to a gambling addiction after a 35 year bad divorce. Julie Becker, the Director, I cannot say enough good about, except that she is my "guardian angel." During my one year stay there, she and the other staff kept me accountable. I will never be able to totally pay them back, but by volunteering 3 days a week it makes me feel good.

Everyone there calls me grandma. They make me feel good and needed. I know my children love me, but they live far away from here. When you are a 68 year old lady living alone it makes you feel good to be needed. They have many families and groups that serve and volunteer that are all very giving wonderful people.

I try to give a little back, for what I so richly received while I lived there. We had a group of families with children that volunteered the other day. Their shirts said "LV2S" "Live to serve." If I had a T-shirt, it would say



"LV2GB" "Live to Give Back." That's why I volunteer. Anyone should feel honored to be able to live or volunteer there. I could say so many good things about the house, Julie Becker, Carolee, and Dawn it would take me 20 pages. They were there when I needed them most.

I am very proud to be a volunteer at such a beautiful house. All the staff now are very giving, kind people. We thank everyone who donates so generously. It is all put to good use and appreciated by the residents. God love you all, staff, donors, and volunteers.



Feeding the Hungry

Each day we provide 50 sack lunches to people who come to our doorstep who are hungry.

Our sack lunches include: 2 sandwiches, 2 sweets, a salty snack, and, if available, a bottle of water.

Last year alone, we distributed over 8,500 sack lunches.

We are always in need of donations for our sack lunch program.

Please see the left side of the page for other helpful donation items. We are truly grateful for all donations that we receive.

John's Story of Success

Upon release from prison, I was pretty much on my own. My self-centered and addiction-filled lifestyle had eliminated those who cared about me. They were tired of continually being let down. Needless to say, my chances for becoming a decent productive member of society were slim, at best. I heard about the St. Francis House's Community Transition Program and having nowhere else to go, I signed up. At the time, I thought if I just



had some money to get started I could do just fine on my own— boy was I wrong! So many things had changed in the past nine years – Carolee thought I

was crazy when I told her I needed money for a pay phone. At first, I found myself feeling very lost.

In the past, I never had a problem finding a job and figured this would be the least of my worries— wrong again! Had it not been for the support and encouragement of the staff and other guests at the St. Francis House, I never would have been able to hang in there. After being

rejected time and again, I finally landed a job and continue to work there today.

The St. Francis House provided me a safe and structured place to live when I was most vulnerable to relapse. They gave me the tools to deal with life's setbacks and a desire to continue a clean and sober way of life. I have met some good people who truly care and have shown me I do not have to go back to my old ways – there is a lot better life out there for me. The St. Francis House has been a major factor in turning my life around and I would like to take this time to truly thank them for believing in me and helping me when I needed it most!

In Memory Of:

Ryan Falt
Darlene Mattice
Marsha Neishim
Donald "Bud" Boen
John Brock
Fr. John Francis Cain
Dr. Don Humphrey
Martin "Buzz" Welter
Gerald Wingert
Bernice Hilt
Wilbur Johnson
Donald Srsika
Florence Schroeder
Gertrude Karli
Mary Erickson
Dale Stoakes
Ruth Mannes
Frank McGuire
Rita Verley
Thelma Underwood
Ron Eiesland
"Buck" Chandler
Marlene Niffenger
Deb Freking
Ervin Oberloh
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Scott Barnes
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Virginia Knorr
George Willis
Don Ahlers
Wendell Van Wyngarden
Dorothy Wheeler
Joanne Kaskie
Firmin Goebel
Rev. Don Veglahn
Bob Peterka
Angeline Steen

SERVING GUESTS: 2014 by the Numbers



TOTAL NUMBER SERVED IN 2014: 228



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In Honor Of:

Father Bob Kranz,
St. Patrick Church
(Montrose, SD)
Sister Jane Schoenfelder,
St. Ann's Church
(Humboldt, SD)
Monsignor Doyle
Peggy Kemp



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Capital One Honored for Volunteer Work

Capital One was awarded the 2015 Spirit of Volunteerism Corporate Humanitarian Award at the HelpLine Center’s Spirit of Volunteerism Luncheon. The award is given every year to a business who encourages a spirit of volunteerism throughout their

St. Francis for their positive

The organization’s employees volunteer monthly to provide an evening meal for our guests, as well as supporting our mission by providing free financial literacy courses. Their courses promote our mission of proper money management. Capital One has held a volunteer fair promoting service to its employees, allowed St. Francis House to speak at a staff meeting, and held a basic needs drive raising over 2,000 items for our home. We are proud to call Capital One a member of our family.



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House nominated Capital One efforts to enhance our mission.