



# “Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

**WINTER 2016**

## WAYS TO GIVE THROUGHOUT 2016:

1. Volunteer with us by preparing and serving a meal and/or packing sack lunches
2. Organize a basic needs drive (see back cover)
3. Provide hope to our guests through financial support

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## A Filled THANK YOU! *Blessing bountiful this past holiday season*

The St. Francis House has once again been blessed this past holiday season. Thank you to everyone who offered their donations, gifts, time and talents to the St. Francis House. You allowed us to provide Christmas gifts to a record breaking 66 families, helping 79 parents and 159 children through our Adopt-A-Family program. As well as all our single male and female guests. We are truly humbled by the countless donors who sponsored angel trees, basic needs drives, and clothing drives on behalf of the St. Francis House.

We are extremely thankful to be a part of this generous community who generally cares about their citizens’ well-being. Thank YOU for allowing us to continue our mission of providing hope to the homeless. We could not exist without you.

Due to people like you, 2015 was a truly amazing year for the St. Francis House. We would be honored to receive your support in 2016 and continue to grow in our mission of moving people from homelessness to hope.



# 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
- Cleaning Supplies
- Postage Stamps
- Diapers (Pampers Size 1)
- Desitin Diaper Rash Cream
- Gift Cards (grocery, Walmart, phone, etc.)
- Office Supplies (copy paper, etc.)
- Over the Counter Medications
- Brown lunch bags
  - Toilet Paper
  - Bleach
  - Coffee Filters
  - Sugar

# BOARD MEMBERS

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## The Gold Bandit Strikes St. Francis House

A troy ounce carries a lot of weight at the St. Francis House. The St. Francis House does not know who gave this glistening gift of gold. Our only contact with the donor is a handwritten anonymous letter explaining why the Sioux Falls homeless shelter is receiving the gold. The letter reads...



*"For the past months we have found some very important groups that help people in need. We didn't look for glitzy programs or groups that everyone seemed to support.*

*We like small groups of good people just trying to help people that needed the help, and without a lot of fan fair. We love your work.*

*Your work is so important to the people that have very simple needs, they need a roof over their head and food in their stomach and they need dignity.*

*Your volunteers and your workers are so fun, so energetic, so giving and so selfless. We bring bags of*

*donated groceries to the St. Francis House on occasion and we see the loving and caring atmosphere. It is just good work.*

*Use this coin in the way that will do the most good for the people you serve. Please pass this on by going to hashtag any gift (#anygift) and sharing so others may do the same. A hand up, not a handout.*

*Anonymous"*

We call the donor the Gold Bandit because of the secretive way he, or she, gave it to us. The donation is a shining symbol of the bright future our guests seek while at the St. Francis House.

## Vern Eide Motorcars supports the St. Francis House!

In November the transmission in our agency vehicle went out and the cost to replace it was extremely costly. With a few text messages and phone calls to Vern Eide Motorcars, on January 12th, they made a dream come true. A beautiful 2007 Chrysler Town & Country Van has been donated to us. We can now continue to pick up our weekly and monthly food



donations. Thank you so much Jeff Jager, the Owners and Management Team at Vern Eide Motorcars!



## Melvin's Story

Hi, my name is Melvin and I am 52 years old living at the St. Francis House. I have a bad history with Alcohol and Drugs which started way back in my high school days. It has affected me both physically and mentally. At one point, the local ambulance was called my personal taxi because of my alcohol and drug use. I would have seizures if I drank too much. Then, I lost my freedom due to multiple DWI's and a drug charge. Upon my release from prison. I had nowhere to go, so this led me to the St. Francis House. Thankfully they accepted me!

While here at the St. Francis House I found their program and goals were like mine prior to my addiction, which had faded and had me



giving up on life! While at the St Francis House, I discovered many bad habits and have discovered the answers. I have many thinking errors to be corrected. I would make mountain out of a mole hill only to complicate things and destroy all my connections to life. All in the name of my love for my addiction, it has cost me everything.

Being here at the St. Francis House has helped me rediscover my beliefs, it has taught me how to deal with my emotion, my attitude and my addiction. When I

look deep enough inside, I can see my outlook and attitude have changed my emotions and this experience has given me a whole new view on life.

My goal is to be a productive member of our community, which I'm learning through church, AA and most of all what I call "my therapy". I have learned so much being here at the St. Francis House through the volunteers, by the daily interaction and experiences with the other guests and staff. Through peoples understanding, patience, views, support system and the extra care everyone gives me with a current health issue, I have a new beginning on life!

Thanks St Francis House  
Melvin

## In Memory Of:

Carole Doetzel  
Janet Micke  
Firmin Goebel  
Beauty Hauge  
Ann Lee  
John Abbott  
Harold & Lucille Mundt  
Alford Johnson  
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Rev. Russ Tarver  
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Thomas Mark  
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Fr. Bob Kranz  
Sister Jane Schoenfelder  
Deb Larsen  
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## In Honor Of:

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## Downtown Sioux Falls Gives Back!

By supporting the homeless community this past holiday season through the Give Real Change initiative. From November 6 to December 31, 2015 they collect monies at local downtown businesses, online or by mail. These contributions will help provide clothing, food, household goods, and support services for employment, health, and housing! We are so



honored to have been selected as one of the agencies and so blessed to have received a donation of \$270.10 from Downtown Sioux Falls Give Real Change.

Whoever is generous  
to the poor lends to  
the Lord, and  
he will repay him for  
his deed.

~Proverbs 19:17



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**Three ways to get involved with our 13th Annual Dinner & Auction**

**1**

Attend our event by calling or e-mailing to reserve a Complimentary Meal for yourself, 2, 4 or reserve a table of 8 or 10



Call 605.929.1603 or e-mail: [development@stfrancishouse.com](mailto:development@stfrancishouse.com)

**2**

Join our Corporate Sponsorship Team



**3**

Make a donation for our live or silent auction


