



"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."

- St. Francis of Assisi

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Moving People from Homelessness to Hope.

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We Need You!

Due to our evening meal schedule getting filled up so fast and everyone's busy evening schedules with work, activities for their children/grandchildren and other commitments we have expanded our volunteering opportunities.

On May 1st, we created a volunteering time to serve the noon meal to our guests. Volunteering is a core value in Sioux Falls and we want to make sure those who are seeking opportunities have ways which fit their schedules.

So, please feel free to call Tom Foster, Volunteer Coordinator at 679-0915 to schedule a time to come and serve the noon meal to our guests. Tom will schedule a date which works best for you. Our serving time begins at noon, but we ask our volunteers to arrive at 11:45 AM so we can provide any necessary details.

Volunteers will be done by 12:45 PM, so you have time to get back to work or on to your next event for the day.



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
- Paper towels
- Liquid laundry soap

SAVE THE DATES!

15th Annual Dinner & Auction

Monday, July 30th

Bidding Starts: 6:00 PM

Dinner Starts: 7:00 PM

Reserve Tickets:

Call/Text: 929-1603

Email: development@stfrancishouse.com

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes

Saturday, November 17th

10:00 AM

DID YOU KNOW?

What makes St. Francis House Unique?

- We are transitional housing. Guests typically stay from 60 days to as much as a year.
- Zero tolerance policy for drugs, alcohol and gambling.
- All guests must work. There are 72 local businesses that regularly employ our people.
- Guests are required to make payments on debt, child support or court-ordered restitution.
- Because they pay a modest fee to stay at the house, guests learn to budget for rent.
- Guests save money for a 'starter fund' for their own apartment.

HOMELESSNESS to HOPE

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

The Homelessness to Hope Campaign



The new St. Francis House will house 120 guests, with men and women in separate wings. An expanded dining hall and common areas are in the center.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

By the time Dan left St. Francis House, he had saved \$9,000 "to start my life over." He is just one of many who have found at St. Francis House a path from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

We are now seeking to expand. The Homelessness to Hope Campaign will build a new \$5.5M facility at its current location and expand our capacity from 80 individuals to 120.

The new two-story facility will provide 60 double-occupancy rooms for singles, with 30 rooms in the men's wing and 30 rooms in the women's wing. Offices, program space, kitchen and dining hall are in the center commons.

- Dryer sheets
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic wrap
- Cold and flu medicine day and night (capsules)
- Sinus/decongestant medicine (capsules)
- Cough drops
- Conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Postage stamps
- Hats
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Scarves
- Kitchen towels
- Kitchen dishcloths
- Coffee filters
- Coffee creamer
- Small envelopes
- Shower cleaner

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



The kitchen. Nothing is wasted here. We donate what we can't use.



Rooms will be dormitory style, two guests per room.



The Dining Hall.

Participants in a 2016-17 feasibility study asked whether St. Francis House considered renovation of existing facilities. "We looked at the possibility of renovating our existing house," explains Julie Becker, Executive Director. "It just wasn't practical. Our main house was built as a convent for 12 Benedictine Sisters. It was never intended to house the number of people we currently serve."

OVER THE YEARS

Over the years St. Francis House expanded its footprint through the purchase of adjacent homes on the block. The final "piece of the puzzle" came together this year when the Diocese of Sioux Falls offered to graciously donate the existing building and land to St. Francis House, a separate 501 (c) 3 corporation.

"This campaign will dramatically increase the number of people who move from homelessness to self-sufficiency," remarked Jim Soukup, co-chair of the campaign. "It's a hand up, not a hand out."

HOMELESSNESS IN SIOUX FALLS
South Dakota Housing for the Homeless counts the homeless in Sioux Falls every January. From 2017 to 2018 the number increased from 955 to 1,159. Nearly a fifth are children.

THE BEGINNING

St. Francis House was founded as an ecumenical endeavor 31 years ago when the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls and First Lutheran Church came together. The late Bishop Paul Dudley provided the land and building. First Lutheran Church, through Pastor David Holm, provided the funds to run the operation. Together, the two worked side-by-side to make the startup a reality.



The current St. Francis House was formerly a convent. Built in 1956 for 12 Benedictine Sisters, it now houses 22 men and 30 women.



At present, ten women are bunked in a single 20' by 15' room in the main house.



Main Shelter



Quad-Multi Family Housing



Sherman House



Dudley Duplex



Tri-Plex



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