



# "Moving People From Homelessness to Hope"



The St. Francis House continues to touch the lives of so many people each day. We strive to meet their needs while utilizing every resource available and limiting our spending as much as we possibly can.

We need your help. Our current economy has directly affected the financial donations coming to the St. Francis House. While we remain at full capacity, people continue to come for a hand up! They may need a sack lunch so they have something to eat while at work because their paycheck is just enough to pay the rent, utilities and gas to get to work. Another person may need a warm jacket or a better pair of shoes that does not have holes. A young family stops by in hopes that we have some extra diapers for their baby.

## St. Francis House Client Testimonials

*I just want each of you to know how much your support has helped my family. I am working full time, while providing for my children. I am grateful for the support of food, clothing and dlapers when I run short. I hope you can continue to help support the St. Francis House! (Jennifer)*

*I do not know what I would have done without the assistance of a home for me and my four children. I have been working so hard to keep my head above water with working full time, paying child care for four kids. Your financial support of the St. Francis House allows me to continue to have a place to live. (Cindy)*

*I have just arrived at the St. Francis House after living outside under a bridge for three days. I was cold, hungry and scared. The staff welcomed me and gave me clean clothes to wear while they washed my clothes. I am working full time, saving my money and working on finding a place of my own. The economy is bad, but please keep helping them provide a home for us. (David)*

*I have not been able to be a father to my son for many years due to being in prison for a drug charge. When I got to the St. Francis House, I informed staff that my son's birthday was just in a few days. Staff helped me get a few things together, so for the first time in a long time, I could attend his birthday and he got a gift from his dad! (Cory)*

*I am a single mom with two children and I have stayed at the St. Francis House before with my kids. I messed up and decided to drink, which was against their zero tolerance policy. I was sent to treatment and when I completed, I was able to return to the house. The staff helped me to see that I made a mistake and that the St. Francis House was here to help me with a hand up in life. I am doing well, am working on getting my kids back and hope to move into a family unit. The St. Francis House is my home and family! (Deb)*

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*Holiday Appeal*

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*The St. Francis House is more than a homeless shelter, it was a home for me. They do everything in their power to help people like me to get back on their feet. I'm grateful for this place and the staff. There needs to be more places like this home, as there are a lot of people who do need the help and a fresh start regardless of personal situations. I'm moving on now to a new chapter in my life and I'm glad the St. Francis House was one of them. I will miss this place! (Charles)*

*I am so thankful to have a warm place to stay that is safe, and I can save money to get back on my feet.*

*Thank you so much for the warm blanket, and snow suit for my baby.*

*We are grateful to donors who do food drives for the St. Francis House. Your donation of food helped us until our next amount of food stamps were available. Being able to eat at home as family means a lot to us.*

*I know that I need help with my mental illness, but I have never had such positive support for me to get the help I need. I now know I'm not the only one dealing with this illness. Your support to the St. Francis House allows me to continue to stay well.*

*The new clothes that were donated to the St. Francis House for my kids were a blessing. This is the first time I have been able to give them something that is brand new in a long time.*

*Once I became a mom, unfortunately at a young age, I had no idea what it was like to be a mom and did not have a role model to follow. I was raised by older siblings, which was not a good thing. Due to your help, I was able to work with my caseworker to learn parenting skills and how to be an adult. Thank you for showing me that I can do this on my own.*

*When we moved into the St. Francis House, I had 2 diapers. I didn't know where I would get some more. Upon check in I was asked if we needed anything. I had a list in my head and was hoping someone would ask. We were given diapers and wipes along with bathing products for our children. That was a huge load off my mind! I am so thankful for people like you donating to my family.*

*I took my child to daycare and I headed to work. A short time later I received a call that my daughter was sick and I needed to come and get her. I do not have a car and the bus would have taken at least an hour to get the child care center. I called the Family Program Coordinator who was able to come get me and give me a ride to the child care center and then home. I was thankful that I didn't have to take the bus!*

*When we were in our own home I had to keep the blinds and curtains closed. I would get very nervous when I would see utility trucks in the neighborhood; I would get nervous that they were coming to shut my electricity, gas or water off. Due to the things I learned while staying at the St. Francis House, I can now leave my shades up and enjoy the sunshine and not have to worry about things being turned off, because I pay my bills first.*

## In Memory Of:

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Duane Paulson  
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