



# “Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

Summer 2011

**SAVE THE DATE**

2011 Annual Live & Silent Auction  
September 26<sup>th</sup>  
at the Sioux Falls Convention Center

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## St Francis House 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction



Please call (605) 334-3879 or email [director@stfrancishouse.com](mailto:director@stfrancishouse.com) to reserve your tickets for the event.

# HELPFUL DONATIONS

Coffee  
Coffee Creamer/Sugar  
Butter/Margarine  
Cold Cereals  
Bags of 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

# GUEST QUOTES

*"The roof of our trailer fell in and we were not able to stay in the trailer. We did not even know St. Francis House existed, but were told by someone to call the house."*

- Family Unit Guest

*"I am so grateful to be a free man and be able to move to Colorado due to a job offer."*

- Hope Member Guest

## Chris Belvin's Story



In 2009, I had heard several times of a place called the St. Francis House. People talked about this place being a good place to go, where people took care of you, provided for your needs and actually wanted you to make it.

In January, 2010 I decided it was time to give this place a shot. I only have to say that I needed a place where I could work on me, instead of worrying about everything else. Where I did not have to give anyone anything or others were not trying to take anything from me. I found a safe place, where I could focus on the task of finding a job and once I found one, securing it to move forward in my life. The St. Francis House gave me this and more. The most important thing the St. Francis House gave me was a piece of mind, But I also got a warm place to stay where I could come from work and eat a warm meal at 6:30pm and wake up to one at 6:3am everyday- 365 days out of the year. I could socialize with other guests and staff if I chose too or I could retreat to my room and relax in complete peace and quiet. These small few things that I was able to attain, made such an impact on my life. When I left the St. Francis House in the Spring 2011, I felt I was the best that I could be and could begin giving back to my community.

## Herman Lerdahl's Legacy:



For the past several years, Carol and Herman Lerdahl loved to go shopping at Sears, Macy's, & JC Penny looking for bargains. Herman would be so excited when they would find great deals on end of the season clearance items, because he would purchase these items and donate them to the St. Francis House. On a regular basis, Carol and Herman would pull up to the St. Francis House carrying bags filled with their great deals. These deals ranged from winter coats, work gloves, socks, sweatshirts, and pants that would be given to guests who were in need of clothing.

This month, Herman lost his short battle with cancer and even while living in hospice, he would send Carol out to stores to look for deals for our guests. The Lerdahl Family has requested that the memorials should be directed to their church (First Lutheran Church) and the St. Francis House. The memorials given to the St. Francis House have been asked by the family to go into a fund to continue assisting our guests with items they need. If a guest needs a pair of work boots, he or she can receive assistance with getting these boots, and can go to work. Due to these memorials, Herman's legacy will continue as we say good bye to a generous and kind soul!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## Dive In Day

Each year members of the First Presbyterian Church reach out to the community by volunteering their time helping non-profit agencies in Sioux Falls. The volunteer opportunities allow adults and children to give back to those in need through a spiritual connection.

On Saturday, April 16th, members of First Presbyterian Church came to the St. Francis House to help us organize our food pantry. We are so blessed to have donations of clothing, blankets/linens and miscellaneous household item for our guests.

## Easter:



The St. Francis House was blessed this past Easter to receive some very special donations. Chris & Doc from KTWB/Backyard Broadcasting phoned asking if children living in our family units needed Easter baskets. This phone call made the difference for so many of our parents, so they could give their children an Easter basket on Easter Sunday. Our gratitude goes to Citibank for their donation of these baskets to KTWB and First Presbyterian Church for their donation of candy and basket

fillers. Representatives from DECA put the baskets together, provided a lunch and Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

## Notre Dame Summer Learning Experience:



Hello! My name is Anna Fish; I am this year's intern from the University of Notre Dame. My hometown is Indianapolis, Indiana and this is my first time visiting beautiful South Dakota! This fall, I am entering my sophomore year at Notre Dame. I'm majoring in both Psychology and Graphic Design. Through Notre Dame's Summer Service Learning Program, I have been blessed with the opportunity to spend eight weeks in South Dakota working both at the St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, and

here at the St. Francis House.

I have had a wonderful experience getting to know the staff and guests at the St. Francis House. Every day presents new challenges and opportunities for growth, as well as opportunities for laughter and friendship. Everyone has been so welcoming to me! I enjoy every day I spend here: from sorting files, to making pies, to listening to and filling guests' needs, I'm so glad I've been able to spend my summer in this fulfilling and fun work!

*"Thank you for the new home and also for the socks!"*

-Young Child staying in Family Unit

## In Memory Of:

In Memory:  
Douglas Gregorson  
Debra K. Freking  
Ervin Oberloh  
David Koob  
John Benedict Paul  
Deloris Jackson  
Julian Harris  
John "Jack" Toboll  
Randy Kouri  
Bruce Huffman  
Robert S. Thompson  
Mylo J. Preheim  
Doris Neuharth  
Richard D. Ronken  
Judith Hurst  
Deb Freking  
Deb Freking  
Julien Harris  
Ila Schroeder  
Elsie Overgaard  
Martha Dyvig  
Daryl Pearson  
Vadah Purtell  
Ashley Engel  
Bruce Bass  
Richard McGinnis  
Lucille Engles  
Bonnie Hawks

## In Honor:

Scott & Anne Steel

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## Randy Kouri Memorial Golf Benefit August 26, 2011



The Randy Kouri Memorial Golf Benefit was held August 26, 2011. This benefit was established to honor the life and memory of Randy Kouri by raising money for charities near to his heart. Randy was a friend to many in our community and spent most of his life coaching, volunteering and contributing to those in our community.

This year the Randy Kouri Memorial Golf Benefit is supporting the St. Francis House. We are so grateful for the support of our ecumenical ministry to the homeless. This benefit will help St. Francis House continue our mission of offering hospitality, fellowship and support to those who have no where to sleep.