



# “Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

**SUMMER 2014**

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The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

~ Proverbs 22:9

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**11th Annual**

# St. Francis House

**Dinner & Auction**

MOVING PEOPLE FROM  
**Homelessness to Hope**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

**Sioux Falls Convention Center**

**Bidding Starts 6:00 pm • Dinner Starts 7:00 pm**

# 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  
Napkins  
Laundry Soap  
Cleaning Supplies  
Postage Stamps  
Diapers  
Gift Cards (grocery, Walmart, phone, etc.)  
Office Supplies (copy paper, etc.)  
Over the Counter Medications  
Brown lunch bags  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Bleach  
Coffee Filters  
Sugar

# GUEST QUOTES

"Thank you for holding me accountable for my actions. Even though it did not work out for me, I am finally dealing with the issues of my past and clearing them up."

"My family is so grateful for the donations of diapers and wipes for my kids and the laundry soap. My budget is so tight and with this help, I am keeping my head above water."

"I am so lucky to have a family at the St. Francis House. They help me problem solve, care about what I do and keep me on the right path in life."

## Andrew's Story

My name is Andrew Kauss and this is my life at the St. Francis House:

My story begins, December 25, 2012 the morning I was released from the SD State Penitentiary after I served one year for possession of a controlled substance – morphine. I was lost with nothing but the clothes on my back. I had arranged with my Parole Officer to reside at the St. Francis House because I had heard from various people that if I was serious about turning my life around this was the place I should be. Looking back, I agree whole heartedly.

When my mother dropped me off, my mind was racing and I did not know what to expect and I was also so scared which unfortunately came across as a bad attitude toward staff. The first day, I went through the motions on signing paperwork, obtaining my bedding and toiletries. I needed to focus on making myself familiar with my surrounding. I felt there were so many rules and strange



people, but after a couple of months, I lost my attitude and committed to the program. The help of my case manager and the other staff proved to me that I mattered. I was amazed how caring and helpful they were and it was then that I started to establish healthy boundaries for myself. I began working my program, providing help to the staff with chores around the house and doing my part to keep the St. Francis House healthy and in turn keeping myself healthy.

The staff gave me direction, encouragement and has made a huge impact on changing everything in my life so that I may succeed, which was a huge undertaking. After staying at the St. Francis House for 11 months, I

continue to build on the foundation they helped me create. Some of those 11 months, were difficult, but the rest were inspiring. I developed a willingness to do right, to live right by living a life without drugs and to be happy.

By following the programming at the St. Francis House, I was able to leave with over \$5,000. I paid off a lot of my debts to society and paid six months of rent prior to moving into my new apartment. I put majority of the money I saved into my own bank account, which was an amazing feeling since just over a year ago, I had nothing!

I owe everything positive in my life in some form to the St. Francis House. There are no words to express my gratitude, love, admiration to all of those who are involved with the house. The volunteers, donors, and staff have impacted my life. I know I would have never made it and am thankful, so very thankful for them now and forever!

# Opportunities to Become More Involved at the St. Francis House!



Friend us through Facebook to learn about our growing needs at the house. Periodically, we will post items we are in need of for the house or for a specific guest. Hear about ways to volunteer, such as serving an evening meal or by helping with a special project. Read the messages from our guests telling their story or words of gratitude for your support.



The St. Francis House is often seeking volunteers to assist with our evening meal. If you want to know quickly when the St. Francis House has openings for meal serving, send us your telephone number and we'll send you a text when we need extra volunteers for a meal. To be added to this opportunity send us an email to [development@stfranchishouse.com](mailto:development@stfranchishouse.com). Write, "text me" in the subject line. Include your cell phone number and we'll get you added to our texting list.

## How to get involved with our Annual Fundraiser

1) Attend our event by calling or emailing to reserve complementary tickets



2) Join our Corporate Sponsorship Team for our event



3) Make a donation for our live or silent auction



## Hy-Vee Helpful Smiles: Thank You Hy-Vee

The St. Francis House is grateful for being selected for the Helpful Smile Program. The proceeds from this project, will assist with the needs of our families and children.

The ability to provide them assistance when their food stamps run low, so their children can have milk, cheese, fresh fruit and protein is a blessing.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### 11th Annual Fundraiser

Monday,  
September 22, 2014

### In Memory Of:

FMaxine Eggers  
Colin Perry  
Marjorie Reitsma  
Greg Peterson  
Irene Townsend  
Donald Nussbaum  
Leron Ellis  
Raymond Reiffenberger  
Ron McCuen  
Claria Andersen  
WR "Carnie" Carnahan  
Harold Watson  
Paul Etugene Vogt  
Milton Schulz  
Lillian Williams  
Sherry Sargent  
Elizabeth "Betty" Marso  
Kathleen Hicks  
Charles Rush  
Fr. Kevin O'Dell  
Don Barr  
Kay Saladin  
Franklin Farley  
Marcene Eggebraaten  
Mary Jean Swedlund  
Leora Hamilton  
Buck Chandler  
Chuck Connor  
Duane Kistler  
Gene Sarvinsky  
Richard "Dick" Vaughan  
Grace Goddard  
Maurice Boyenga  
Alfred Moulton  
Colleen Futrell  
Franklin Hargus  
Josephine Opstedahl  
Pauline Grendler  
Mary Winterscheidt  
Robert Ward  
Gladly Benson  
Ashley Johnson  
Eileen Bucknell  
Harlen Johnson  
Wallace Hortness

### In Honor Of:

Gloria Paulin  
St. Katherine Drexel  
Church



Quad-Multi Family Housing



Main Shelter



Dudley Duplex



Tri-Plex

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## Grateful for our Community Support:

The St. Francis House is so very grateful for support from the Sioux Falls Community as well as surrounding communities. Your donations of clothing are sorted for our guests so they have clothing for our changing seasons. Household items are kept, so when our guests leave our house they are furnishings for their new apartments.

The donations of left over food from company meetings/picnics, family reunions, and church events have been a blessing to feeding our guests. The small sandwiches are used to supplement our sack lunch program – where we provide up to 50 sack lunches a day to the working poor and those seeking employment in our community. Please continue to think of the St. Francis House as a way to donate these items to help support our guests and our mission of **moving people from homelessness to hope.**

