

“Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”

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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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Samantha's Story

Addiction is something I've struggled with since I was 14. This led to me going to Juvenile Detention at the same age.

While there, I found out that I was pregnant. This helped me get my act together until I was 18. I became homeless and fell back into my addiction again, only this time, harder.

Shortly after, I found out I was pregnant again and I got my newest charge. I had my youngest daughter 10 weeks before I was incarcerated for the next 11 months in the Sioux Falls Jail.

When I got out, I wasn't ready to change and fell back into my addiction because my kids were getting taken from me. I then went to a treatment program and was removed from their program 3 weeks later for using. I went back to jail for 3 days and was not allowed to see my youngest daughter without supervision.

I was facing a probation violation for not completing the treatment program. I went back to jail for another 8 months where I completed treatment



and waited for a bed at a half way house.

I knew I was ready to change this time. It was either straighten up my act or lose my kids for good. I completed the program at the half way house and came straight to the St. Francis House.

When I first got to the St. Francis House, I wasn't sure I wanted to be here. I wanted to do things my own way and not follow the program. This got me nowhere except down the wrong path. This led me to three choices: going back to prison, getting another chance at the St. Francis House or being homeless.

This opened my eyes to what I was losing and what I could gain by following the program. Luckily, the Executive Director gave me one

last chance. I worked to gain the trust of the Executive Director and my case manager to be able to transfer into the family units.

This gave me the chance to be a mom again, focus on what's important, and set more goals for myself.

Since I've been at St. Francis House, I've been able to form a strong bond that has been missing for a long time with both my daughters. It gave me a chance to be a part of their lives again. I was able to get full custody back of my oldest daughter and am currently working to get my other daughter as well. I have regular overnight, weekend visits with my youngest girl which I have not been able to do for a long time.

I know that if I am having a rough day, I am able to come to a staff member at the St. Francis House. They are always there to just listen or give me guidance to make the right decision.

The staff has become a support system for me that I know will still be there for me even when I leave here and move into my own place in the community.

HELPFUL DONATIONS

Coffee
Coffee Creamer/Sugar
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Cold Cereals
Chips for Sack Lunches
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Cooking Spays
Dishwasher Tablets
Grated Cheeses
Fresh Produce
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Diapers
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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."

Filling Our Hearts By Filling Our Cupboards

The St. Francis House continues to help more than 400 people each year with a warm home to stay, good food to eat and items to meet their personal needs. This past sprint and summer depleted our resources and our shelves are very low on products that we need to run the house.

- Each night, 3-5 loads of laundry are done to wash our kitchen and bath towels as well as bedding. This does not include the laundry of guests living at the house that have not received a paycheck to begin doing their own laundry.

- Every month, we go through 1-2 cases to toilet paper (96 rolls/case) for the 40 men, 8 women and 7 families living in our home.

- Each day, we give out sack lunches to your guests going to work as well as another 50 sack lunches to people stopping by off the street who are hungry and looking for work.

- Due to 40 single men being in our main shelter and 8 women in our single units, the living areas are cleaned twice a day to keep their homes clean.

- Each day, we go through a minimum of 15 pots of coffee, which is just enough so each guests can have one cup of coffee at each meal.

The St. Francis House asks that while you are out shopping for your home; please consider picking up items for our home. We are always in need of personal hygiene items, diapers, bleach, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, laundry soap, sack lunch bags, meat for sandwiches and cleaning products. Our needs list is at the top left of this page.



Thank you again to our Fundraiser Dinner and Auction Sponsors!

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Our ministry of "moving people from homelessness to hope" relies on the generosity of private contributors to allow us to provide a warm and safe home for each of our guests each night. We are blessed for your support to be able to continue to serve our guests.

The following is a glimpse of the first quarter of operating expenses of the St. Francis House:

Utilities (heat, electric, garbage & phone)	\$4,085.51
Food Costs(excluding donations and food volunteer groups bring)	\$6,361.44
Other Guest Supplies (OTC medications, drug tests, etc.).....	\$2,355.11
Office Supplies (copy paper, print cartridges, etc.)	\$ 787.21

Please visit our website and click on the **Donate** button to make your electronic donation to assist in our mission of serving the homeless. There are additional ways to support the St. Francis House:

- Planned giving through Estate Planning
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