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# “Moving People From Homelessness to Hope”



Quad-Multi Family Housing



Main Shelter



Dudley Duplex



Tri-Plex

## Hy-Vee - Operation “Helpful Smile” January 30th – February 5th

Each week, a different pre-determined area non-profit organization receives a monetary donation from Hy-Vee. Donation boxes placed at the check stands of our Sioux Falls Hy-Vee Stores collect customer contributions for each weeks chosen organization. Hy-Vee, with the help our program sponsors, matches these customer contributions up to \$1,000.00 each week. The better each group promotes, spreads the word and encourages customer contributions, the greater the donation the organization will receive.

Our week is **January 30th – February 5th, 2013**

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

## Winter 2012

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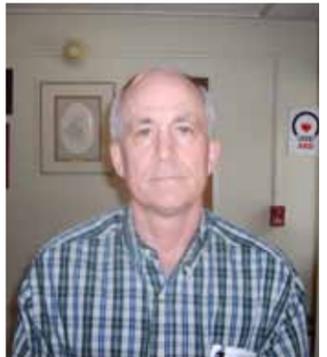
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## Guest Story/Testimonials

I came to the St Francis House in late February of 2012. I had been in county jail-again, awaiting sentencing for drinking and driving- again. The number of times really doesn't matter for the point of this short story other than to say it was to many times. Over the last ten to fifteen years I'd been in and out of various “institutions” in the state of South Dakota at varied levels supervision and accountability, and have been involved in almost every recovery program the greater Sioux Falls area has to offer. I was given an exceptional opportunity by the sentencing judge in my case for one last chance to avoid prison and prove that I still had something to contribute to society. After all, I had proven in the past that I was quite capable of doing so, by achieving a very good position in my chosen profession, my family life, the community in general, at a fairly young age.



The problem was I drank to much, and it finally began control me rather than I controlling it. Alcoholism and addiction are equal opportunity diseases, they do not discriminate. There are some wonderful people trying to educate the public about the nature of this epidemic, and they should be given more attention. (Enough of that). My alcoholism slowly took from me every thing that I was. The last time I walked out of jail all I had, literally, were the clothes on my back. I was almost as barren emotionally and spiritually, and mentally I was as stressed as I had ever remembered being.

But I had been given this opportunity. I could blame many things on my alcoholism, and though I did not chose to become a homeless drunk, I can not, and do not wish to propose I am not responsible for my own recovery. But the task seemed overwhelming. I'd made mistakes, I'd failed at some things, I'd committed crimes (multiple DWI's). But I did not consider myself a “criminal”, and failing does not automatically make a person a “failure”. But it was my experience that society and institutions were judging my results rather than my intentions.

# 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

"After staying at the St. Francis House for several months, I am now ready to move into my own apartment. I have been able to pay off some old bills, while still saving some money for an apartment. I am finally ready to move on to my next stage in my life."

"Thanks for remembering my kids during Easter. I just could not afford the time to ride the bus with them to the store to get items and the extra money to buy these treats. I am so blessed to have such a strong support system."

"We love our new home at the St. Francis House. My kids get a nice bed to sleep in, good food to eat and staff that really care about all of us."

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At the St Francis house I found not just the basics of food and shelter, they provided a sober environment that kept me accountable, but not subdued. A place to be at home, instead of detained. A place where I had the freedom to pursue my goals instead of a one size fits all program designed to keep criminals from re-offending. See, I'm not a criminal, and I never really wanted to offend. I made some really bad decisions that I regret, and have paid the price for. Now its all about the future, and the St Francis house has been key to my re-building process. Since coming here I've remained sober, completed out-patient treatment, and have started mending relationships, new and old. I've been able to work full time at a job that was once part-time, which also allowed me to continue to pursue a position back in my chosen profession, which three months ago I secured. I've gotten my driving privileges restored, I bought a car, have health insurance, I'm paying off debts and saving for the future.

Most of all, its nice to be comfortable with who I am today, where I am, and what direction I'm heading, To not be ashamed of being a failure, mistake or some other label.

My name is Brian and I live at the St Francis House.

## Check out our Website:

Our website offers information to the community on the services that we provide our guests, volunteering opportunities and recent media opportunities. Feel free to check out our new Donate Button, which allows our donors to make their donations on-line using a credit card or bank card. We continue to be blessed by Midcontinent Communications with their generous gift of the production of our new public service announcement. This spot features one of our single moms who stayed with us, participated in our program successfully and has now transitioned into her own apartment in the community.



## A Heart Filled Thank You

The St. Francis House has been blessed this past holiday season by our community and the surrounding communities. Our families were adopted by groups and/or families calling the St. Francis House to specifically adopt one of our families and their children. Groups also donated toys to our guests who have children, but are not living with them. Parents were able to select toys and blankets for their children so they did not arrive empty handed at Christmas. Our shelves were replenished with canned goods, coffee, paper products, office supplies and personal hygiene items.

## THANK YOU Power Brokers of Sioux Falls for supporting the St. Francis House!



Excited to share what Power Brokers is doing for The Saint St Francis House! Our friends there are raffling off a 1974 Honda XL175 and donating 100% of the proceeds! Tickets are just \$10 and only 200 will be sold- Purchase your ticket via phone or at the PB office.

Thank You Power Brokers and Tammy Gran!

## Holiday Giving:



Knights of Columbus donating coats for the our children

# SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual Fundraiser  
Monday,  
September 23, 2013

In Honor Of:  
Roma Cimpr  
Harvey Vogel  
Father Chuch Cimpr

In Memory Of:  
Gary Dossett  
Laura Hanisch  
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