WINTER 2018

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

~ Ronald Regan

National Volunteer Week April 15-22, 2018



WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES

A NEW PAIR OF SHOES

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

Moving People from Homelessness to Hope.

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'WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES' EVENT A SUCCESS!

On a brisk Saturday in November, we held our first annual Walk a Mile in their Shoes. We were blessed to have 177 walkers assist us in bringing awareness to the hunger and homelessness in our community.

Here are a few messages we received from those attending:

"This morning Rylan and I 'walked a mile in their shoes'; supporting the St. Francis House. It was a chilly walk and gave us time to make a list of everything we are thankful for. I also saw for the first time this memorial stone along the bike path for the homeless that have died. How many times I have run this stretch of the path and never knew this was here. I will have a special prayer from now on when I pass." – Jill Snyder

"Today, I was totally Blessed to be a small part of the St.

Francis House "Walk a Mile in their Shoes" event! I walked with two of my grandchildren" – Tom Wingert

"Today was an amazing day! Knowing how hard things can be for other people around you, is just crazy to think about! Every single person at the walked changed someone's life today. Thank you to everyone who gave food to someone in need!!! Such kind souls."



HELPFUL donations

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken

- Canned Kidney beans
- Canned Chili beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Cream of chicken soup
- Instant potatoes

- Alfredo sauce
- Spaghetti sauce
- Ranch salad dressing
- Salsa
- Garlic powder
- Garlic salt
- Sugar

- Brown sugar
- Cooking spray
- Coffee creamer
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Paper towels
- Liquid laundry soap

SAVE THE DATES!

15th Annual Dinner & Auction Monday, July 30th Bidding Starts: 6:00 PM Dinner Starts: 7:00 PM Reserve Tickets: Call/Text: 929-1603

Email: development@stfrancishouse.com

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes Saturday, November 17th 10:00 AM

DID YOU KNOW?

Many Americans are living on the edge, forced to choose between basic necessities like purchasing food, paying rent, or going to the doctor.

43.1 Million

Americans live below the poverty level.

549,000

Americans are homeless on a typical night.

42 Million Americans are at risk of

suffering from hunger.

children in the U.S. live in poverty.



AGENCIES COMING TOGETHER TO SERVE Partnerships bring new shoes and work boots to those in need

When agencies come together, so many more can be helped. This fall, Good Samaritan Feet's Director, Denise Blomberg connected us with Travs Outfitters in Watertown who donated over 450 pairs of steel toed boots and shoes for people in our community. Between the St. Francis House and **Bishop Dudley Hospitality** House, we have been able to help so many who need a good pair of shoes to go to work!

Denise was still committed to having agencies come together by kicking off 2018 National

Day of Service by providing tennis shoes to the guests of the St. Francis House and **Bishop Dudley Hospitality** House. So, on Wednesday, January 3rd agencies came together through collaboration to provide the homeless in our community. Our team meshed with the team of BDHH to welcome people into BDHH, assist them with getting their feet washed and then providing them with a new pair of socks and

tennis shoes.

One guest commented she had not had a new pair of shoes in over eight years!

- Dryer sheets
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic wrap
- Cough drops
- Cold and flu medicine day and night (capsules)
- Sinus/decongestant

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- Conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Postage stamps
- Batteries (AAA, AA, 9 volt)
- Hats

- Gloves
 - Mittens
- Scarves
- Kitchen towels
- Kitchen dishcloths
 - Coffee filters
 - Coffee creamer

- Small envelopes
- Shower cleaner

Anything you use in your home, we use in ours (just 10 times faster!)













Thank you for celebrating the holidays with us!

For many of the guests of the St. Francis House, the holidays are very difficult. Some may not be able to see their family members, especially their children. Others do get to see their family members, but due to their situation, they are not established enough to provide gifts to their children.

Each year, we are so blessed by the wonderful support of our community to make the holidays better for our guests.

- Families bringing their children to serve the evening meal to our guests
- SFPD selecting seven guests to be given \$50 for working hard to change their lives
- A large family of several



- generations coming annually to serve chili and singing Christmas carols with our guests.
- Donors walking in to bring a financial gift which makes a significant impact on the number of people we can serve
- Families coming together to adopt families who do not have the ability to purchase gifts their children need: boots, snow pants, diapers, a bike

The complete joy of seeing our guests open gifts on Christmas morning.



Main Shelter



Quad-Multi Family Housing



Sherman House



Dudley Duplex



United Way Tri-Plex



WANT TO GO PAPERLESS? Please send us your EMAIL to director@stfrancishouse.org

IN MEMORY OF:

- Matt Perry
- Irene Pirrung
- Vickie Marnach
- Bob Jamison
- Eunice Carlson
- Robert Kirkman
- Richard Icanoghe
- Alice & Joe Burggraff
- Tina Johnson
- Norma Riley
- Dennis Burggeman
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- Alfred Johnson
- Millie Christensen
- Joan Weber
- Laura Dalrymple
- Dexter Gronseth
- Pam Hilber
- Joan Millage
- Alison Ovenden
- John Richardson





IN HONOR OF:

- Alyce Widrig
- Hansen-Johnson
 Family
- Brian[']Mitchell
- Bishop Swain
- Jerry & Carrie Berdle & children
- Ione Wirth
- Jen Rothenbuehler
- Keith Thompson
- Michael Tobin
- Gayle VerHey
- Julie Becker -Director