

Hope House Happenings



The Mission

The Hope House mission is to provide an environment where an individual can apply the tools of recovery in a safe and supportive home and sustain sobriety to live a life of true freedom.

Message From the Executive Director

March 2024 marked a significant milestone for us as we celebrated our two-year anniversary. It's been two years since we first opened our doors to women seeking a path to recovery, and in that time, we've had the privilege of serving 18 incredible women. I am continually humbled and grateful for the support and provision that God gives to us.

In reflecting on the journey, I'd like to acknowledge the contribution of Naomi, our first-ever house manager, who moved out on her own in March. Naomi epitomizes the spirit of Hope House. While her role may have changed, her dedication to recovery and the Hope House mission remains. We are thankful for Naomi's time with us, and the wisdom she shared will shape the future success of our house.

Over the past months, I've had the opportunity to visit several treatment facilities across South Dakota, where I've been able to share the Hope House mission and the support we offer to women. These visits have been instrumental in fostering meaningful connections and partnerships. I've also been able to participate in various workshops and trainings, digging into addiction-related topics and exploring tools for prevention and recovery.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding our reach and impact. We are interested in establishing a men's home. If you, or someone you know, have a property that could potentially be used to open such a home, we would be grateful if you could reach out to us.

Once again, I would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to our generous community. Whether through donations, volunteering time, or offering words of encouragement, your support has been instrumental in advancing our mission. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of women seeking hope and healing.

Gayle Stahl- Executive Director

Treasurer: Deb Smith



My name is Deb Smith. I am a member of the board of directors for Hope House and the finance manager. I live in a small town close to Hope House. I have done many things from living in a third world country, working with local government economic and social development, to running a small airline that serviced remote island atolls. My most recent venture was being a property manager. I am looking forward to the next adventure. I have five adult children (2 girls and 3 boys) and 11 grandchildren. I believe we all have a purpose in this life, and I have been blessed to be asked to join this dedicated group in helping women live a sober life. It is a very rewarding experience.

House Manager Update

We are pleased to introduce Gordie as the newest House Manager for Hope House. Joining us in March 2024, Gordie has integrated into our community, bringing with her an attitude of positivity and dedication to recovery.

Since joining our home, Gordie has achieved significant milestones in her personal journey. She has secured full-time employment, actively participates in recovery meetings, found a sponsor, established healthy boundaries, and has made connections to build her sober support network. Gordie's affection for our home and the Huron community is contagious. Her giggle never fails to brighten our days. With her warm presence and commitment, Gordie embodies the spirit of the Hope House. She works to maintain a safe, loving, clean, and peaceful environment for all the guests.

We are grateful to have her as our new house manager and look forward to the positive impact she will continue to make in the lives of our guests.



Hope House Highlights

- James Valley Christian School students volunteered their time at the house for their annual Cleanathon.
- Celebrated our 2 year anniversary!
- Hosted an open house for the police department.
- Premier Bankcard donated a fire pit!
- Taco John's raised funds to support the Hope House during the holiday season.
- Hosted Holy Trinity young women's confirmation group.
- Volunteered at the Ministerial Association's annual soup and sandwich supper.
- New cameras installed thanks to a grant from the Huron Community Foundation.

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