



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

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who continues to support Hope House. Your commitment to our mission is the foundation upon which we build every success story.

Recently we were honored to be chosen as recipients of memorial contributions from the family of Paulette Weidner. We extend our deepest condolences to Paulette's family and friends. These donations will help us continue providing a safe, supportive home for women on their journey to recovery.

At the time of this publication, Hope House has been in operation for two and a half years, having housed a total of 24 women! This milestone seems surreal. A recent development for us has been the need to utilize a wait list. We are now strategizing on how to maintain a manageable capacity while ensuring that we are available to women who are truly ready for sober living.

As in life, our ministry provides many opportunities to "fail forward." We don't always get it right, we learn, grow, and move on. Addiction is a heart-wrenching disease, and we witness both great highs and extreme lows. A quote from Corrie Ten Boom has been a source of strength for me: "God does not hold us responsible for success, but for faithfulness." We will continue to be faithful, no matter the challenges we face.

I'm also excited to share that progress is being made towards opening a men's home. We have secured a budget and funding--now, all that's missing is the right home. We are actively seeking a property to rent or lease for this purpose. I have a deep sense of peace that this project continues to be in God's hands, and when the time is right, the perfect home will become available.

We will continue to be faithful, and we appreciate your continued support.

Gayle Stahl- Executive Director

Board Member: Gene Miller



Gene grew up on a farm north of Iroquois, SD. After graduating from Iroquois High School in 1973, Gene pursued higher education in Huron, earning his degree in 1977. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Huron Police Department, where he dedicated 42 years of his life to serving and protecting others.

During his distinguished career, Gene spent 28 years as a detective, handling a wide variety of cases with a focus on sex crimes. His commitment to justice and compassion for victims made him a respected figure in law enforcement.

In 1980, Gene married Marcia, and together they raised two children, who have blessed them with four wonderful grandchildren. Now retired, Gene continues to give back to his community through his volunteer work with Hope House. As the only male member of our board, Gene brings a wealth of wisdom, invaluable expertise, and a calming presence that benefits us all. His unwavering dedication and thoughtful contributions make him an integral part of our team. We are truly fortunate to have Gene on our board, and we are grateful for the countless ways he supports our mission.

A Milestone Worth Sharing



Two years of hard work, perseverance, and growth—recently, one of our beloved alumni reached a significant milestone in her recovery journey. With a beaming smile, she handed her one-year sobriety chip to Gayle, saying, "I received my two-year chip, and I want you to have my one-year chip because you did it!"

Gayle gently replied, "No, you did it."

With tears in her eyes and a heart full of gratitude, the alumna responded, "We did it!"

This simple exchange speaks volumes about the collective strength and support within our community. Together, we are stronger, and together, we achieve great things.

September is National Recovery Month

Every September, we observe National Recovery Month, a time to promote and support evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, celebrate the strength of the recovery community, and honor the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery possible in all its forms.

In honor of National Recovery Month, we invite you to join us in making a difference. Whether through prayer, support, or donations, your involvement can have a profound impact on those fighting the battle of addiction. Recovery takes immense effort, time, and resilience. It's encouraging to know that there is a month dedicated to recognizing and honoring these courageous efforts.

Together, let's continue to uplift those on their journey to recovery and show them they are not alone.

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