

Hope House President: Call to Service

Hope House is a vision to bring a sober living home to Huron, SD. Before I tell you this story I want to be very clear. This project is God's. Completely. I want you to know I will say me or I when talking about this journey. But this is NOT about me. This is about HIS plan for a sober living home in Huron, SD.

The vision began 2 years ago. I was asked to take a Celebrate Recovery Bible study into the Beadle County Jail. When I walked into the jail (pre-COVID,) the Holy Spirit overtook me. I have such a deep passion for these women. It was there that God laid sober living on my heart. I do not struggle with addiction to drugs or alcohol and many of you do not either. However, I would venture to say we all know someone who has been touched by addiction.

In the past two years I have attended the National Sober Living Home training, talked with numerous people, and pulled together resources that will help Hope House succeed. That being said, I am not alone on this venture. Our five-person board is working hard to bring this vision together.

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. We will provide support throughout an individual's recovery, and Hope House will be a faith-based approach offering Bible studies, encouraging church involvement, and recommending Celebrate Recovery.

It is my heart's desire to make a difference in the lives of the women God chooses for Hope House. I am asking for prayer. Please pray for the guests God plans to place in the Hope House, for the board, and for future volunteers.

This venture is completely new to me. I am learning something every day and things are changing every day. I am open to questions, comments, advice, concerns, etc.

In closing I'd like to share my verse that I've been clinging to throughout this journey.

Proverbs 16:3:

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

In researching this verse, I read the following: We must maintain a delicate balance, trusting God as if everything depends on him, while working as if everything depended on us.

Thank you for supporting Hope House.

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