



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A Christmas gift, one that means peace, love and joy. What does that look like?

For so many of our clients it looks like 3 days of not shooting heroin in one's arm. Or it looks like a first paycheck for someone that has never had a job before and they are 28 years old. Maybe it's the completion of one's GED, or the realization that one is going to be able to have their kids come visit for the first time in 6 years.

These are the Christmas gifts that show the peace, love and joy of the season. So many of our clients come to us broken, hurting, angry and hopeless. But these "gifts" occur, transcending the immediate and opening the door for recovery, forgiveness and success. But what does one say to another human being when most of their lives they have endured trauma after trauma after trauma? Maybe it is simply being there as they perform the difficult work of building their lives.

It is humbling to work with clients that have truly suffered and yet have the perseverance to endure. Our clients are the champions of knowing how to survive. They know how to live to see the next day. Survival is a day to day, moment to moment reality. When I learn of some of our clients past struggles, it reminds me to be grateful and to always have hope.....for myself and our clients. Sometimes I miss the real Christmas blessings that happen daily right in front of me. Christmas is NOT a yearly event, it is a life filled with peace, love and joy. It may not always feel like that, but the gifts each of us are given, at the time God chooses to give it to us, is the Christmas gift that lasts forever.

As we look forward to our time celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas, please say a prayer for the men and women that Glory House serves. And, please keep in mind our staff that helps our clients to help themselves. A Christmas prayer may be the most meaningful gift of all.....so peace, love and joy to all.

--Dave Johnson

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The Pride of Those We Serve

I earned my first paycheck, in a long time. It feels good to be back in society.

Having a job and willing to take care of my debts, such as fines and child support. The next step is to get back into my family's life.

--Alexander Z

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INTERNS: GIVING AND LEARNING

Amanda Przymus is in her final semester of a Master's program in Mental Health Counseling at the University of South Dakota. But, instead of sitting in a lecture hall or the library, she is sitting behind a desk in the counseling offices at Glory House. Amanda is one of many interns and shadows who have gained practical experience at Glory House while contributing their time, effort and ideas.



While at Glory House, Amanda has performed the same duties as the staff counselors but she has weekly meetings with her supervisor and impromptu meetings with other counselors as needed. "The staff have been incredibly helpful. Everyone has been very willing to help me out."

Of her Glory House experience, Amanda says, "I am learning how to be empathetic and patient. I have learned to meet clients where they are at and how to strike a balance between what I am responsible for and what the clients need to do for themselves." It is clear that Amanda has enjoyed this learning experience. "There is something new every day. I am amazed at the resilience of my clients. They have gone through so much and are working so hard here."

Amanda's supervisor, Nicki Dvorak, says that hosting shadows and interns is a long-term commitment for Glory House. "It is one of the ways that we give back to the community." Glory House has had students from CTE shadowing staff since that school opened five years ago. One of those shadows recently wrote a letter to Nicki in which she said of her time at Glory House, "It was fun to see how passionate you all are about your positions." This student plans to pursue a career in counseling. Other interns have included college and graduate students in social work, nursing students, law enforcement students and graduate students in addiction counseling.

In addition to giving back to the community, Nicki has found that hosting interns has been a good source of full time employees. During 2016, Glory House has hired three people who started working at Glory House as interns. Amanda Przymus plans to be added to that number.

SCARY FUN

On October 22, the business office at Glory House was mysteriously transformed into "Gory House". For the sixth year, the Glory House staff created a spooky environment in which clients, staff and friends could have fun without the use of drugs or alcohol.



The spookiness AND the fun continued on Halloween Day when the staff was transformed into many interesting and colorful characters.

Here is a list of items that are in need at Glory House...

- Men's carpentry tools
- Work boots
- Long underwear
- Coveralls
- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves/mittens
- Scarfs
- Bus passes
- Phone cards
- Stamps
- Gift cards
- AA/NA books
- Bikes

For the rewards closet...

- Candy
- Notebooks
- Towels
- Home essentials
- Male and female hygiene products
- Movie tickets
- Plastic hangers
- Greeting Cards/stationery

Dave Johnson, Executive Director of Glory House, and Dave Johnson, auditor from ACA



Glory House Receives 100% Rating

On September 26, auditors from the American Corrections Association (one of whom was named Dave Johnson) arrived at Glory House. Two days, hundreds of record reviews and countless conversations later, the verdict was in. Glory House was awarded a rating of 100% in all areas of the evaluation. This is Glory House's fourth evaluation by the ACA, but it's the first time it has received a perfect score.

Nicki Dvorak, Human Resource and Compliance Officer at Glory House, spent long hours over the summer compiling records for the auditors to review. "We have to show what our policies are, and provide proof that those policies are being followed." The rest of the staff pitched in as well and helped with organization and last minute cleaning.

Besides reviewing files and inspecting the building, the auditors interviewed both staff and clients. Nicki says, "We have to show that we are a good

employer and a good service provider." Dave Johnson, Executive Director, credits the staff for their hard work and impressive attitude with the auditors. "They know that ACA accreditation goes beyond policies and procedures. It both measures and affects the quality of service provided to our clients."

In sum, Dave concluded, "For Glory House to get 100% tells me that we understand why we do what we do and we do it to the absolute best of our abilities." Glory House is the first adult facility in South Dakota to be accredited by the ACA and that accreditation will continue for another three years.

My Name is Jon G

My name is Jon G, I was born and raised in La Jolla, Calif. Which is a small surfing community (pop.2mil) in San Diego, and I am a Certified Chef De Cuisine my career has spanned over 40 years and has taken me to all parts of the world. I have been honored to cook along side of Chef's like Paul Bocuse, Martin Yan, Mark Militello, Paul Prudhomme (Emeril's Boss) and Joel Therieux. I also have been blessed to present my cuisine to people like Donald Trump, Dan Marino, Don Shula, Rob Zombie, Madonna, Red Hot Chile Peppers, Grateful Dead, Doobie Bros, Danny DeVito, and Carlos Santana and others. I have the most beautiful wife God could have ever created and 6 of the greatest and smartest children I could have ever imagined, Sounds like a life with a storybook ending right? Unfortunately I have a disease and I've struggled with it since I was 9 yrs old and that disease is addiction, cunning, baffling, powerful, and it is terminal. I was first introduced to my disease at 4 yrs old and the violence that came with it, late one night after my father had returned from another tour in Vietnam, and since that day I've been running from the fear, loneliness and many, many other character defects that I have manifested due to the lies my disease will tell me, so that afternoon when I walked into the restroom at Walt Whitman Elementary School and saw my Brother and another surfing buddy smoking a joint and drinking MD-2020 I didn't even think twice about running away from the pain I was living in daily, and it was that day I found my mask that I could hide behind. I wore that mask through Segregation in the 70's, Cocaine & Aids epidemic in the 80's, crack cocaine epidemic in the 80's & 90's, and all through the meth and opiate epidemics going on now, I wore it through failed relationships, Executive jobs, Prisons, Jails, and attempted Suicides, no matter where I went From California to Florida to South Dakota my mask and disease were there. Then on July 5th, 2016 sitting in solitary confinement after attempting to ruin another relationship and family that my mask allowed me to manipulate, I had a spiritual awakening that knocked me on my ass, you see my father had been dead for 22 years and my mother 10 years, due to the progression of this disease and at that moment my Lord and Savior (whom I had become very close to over the last 20 days in SC) allowed me to be baptized in his spirit and speak with my parents and though the conversation was personal and very quick it got its point across, and at that moment I was freed from the bondage and the mask that had been weighing me down for so, so long. The peace and love that I feel now reminds me a lot of when I lived in the Haight Ashbury suburb of San Francisco in the 80's (except times 10). When I came to the Glory House on Aug 1st I was already having feelings and emotions for the first time in my life and because of the programming they put me in, Celebrate Church, and SSAA I have been able to do the work to restore my life, and most importantly my family looks at me with love and trust like I've never seen before (and don't ever want to lose). though I have a life long disease that I have to treat daily my savior and my new brothers and sisters are there for me to help me through my journey and only because I've been able to discard the mask am I able to allow all of them in my life and share this peace and love that blooms inside of me. I hope and pray everyone who reads this can share in the same joy I live in now. God bless you all.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: FROM ICE TO APARTMENTS

Glory House clients enter our facility with a myriad of problems. Addiction, mental illness, unemployment, low life skills, alienation from family and friends are just a few of those problems. For three to six months these clients work hard to change their lives and become productive citizens. Close to 70% of them complete the Glory House program successfully and are ready for the next step.

Far too often, leaving Glory House is not so much a step as it is a struggle to overcome a new set of barriers. Because most Glory House clients are felony offenders, including sex offenders, and because they have poor credit histories, finding housing is a huge challenge. "Some of our clients stay at Glory House four to six weeks longer than they need to because they can't find housing in the community. After all the hard work they have done, it is demoralizing to not be accepted into the community," says Dave Johnson.

But, Glory House has a plan. Next door to our campus is the City owned Ice Rink building. The Ice Rink has been de-funded by the City and is now only used for storage. What if that property could become the site of an apartment building for successful Glory House clients?

Glory House believes in this plan for several reasons. First, the evidence shows that the longer that a client with an addiction is engaged with services, the better chance that person has for long term success. Since Glory House would be right next door, services for our 'graduated' clients would continue to be available. Supervised housing with services available will cut down on the revolving door of relapse, offending, costs associated with prosecution and incarceration.

Secondly, Glory House clients work, spend money and pay taxes. In a City that is struggling with work force development, it makes sense to provide housing to a group of people who are employed in Sioux Falls and who want to continue to be employed in Sioux Falls.

Third, the City is also struggling with providing enough low income housing units. A Glory House apartment building would lower the number of people looking for low income housing.

The property on which the ice rink sits was donated to Minnehaha County. The County subsequently sold the property to the City for \$100,000. Glory House is having discussions with City officials on how this property could be transferred to Glory House. "This is a great opportunity for the City to invest in human capital," says Jim Schmidt, President of the Glory House Board of Directors. "This City has been blessed with a wonderful business community. We hope the City will now invest in the people who can help that business community thrive."

We hope that you will also support our efforts to expand our services to a group of people who have worked hard to claim and re-claim their lives.

Employees of the Month



August: John Koehlmoos

September: Andrea Fromelt

October: Damian Kardas

BREAKING THE BARRIERS

When Traci arrived from prison, she came with essentially the clothes on her back. Diagnosed with bipolar disorder and meth addiction, she had little support from family and friends. Her ongoing struggle with law enforcement, her repeated treatment attempts and her own isolation behavior kept everyone away. No money for medications, identification, work clothing, or transportation was an overwhelming barrier. With no ID, one can't work. With no work clothing, one can't work. With no transportation, one can't work. And without medication and treatment Traci most likely won't stay out of prison. Her two children will again lose the opportunity to be with their mother. As quickly as we can Glory House helps clients get on their feet, begin to work and be part of our community. Assistance for these things takes time, and resources are sometime denied for various reasons. But Traci needs help today, not 2 weeks from now.

During this time when we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas I am always reminded how fortunate most of us are in having our basic needs met. We might struggle to come up with the money for a medical visit, a prescription, gas for our car or boots to go to work in. But usually we come up with the means to get what we need. Traci doesn't have that ability. But with your help, she can.

In honor of one of the Founders of Glory House, we would like to designate a fund to help all our "Traci's". As many of you know, Roger Fredrikson passed away this year. His many God-given talents will always be missed. His inspiration and dedication to all the "dandelions" will never be forgotten. So....what if we had a fund that could help the Traci's secure ID's? Secure bus passes? Secure a pair of work shoes? What if this fund could help her see the doctor and get her medications? Wouldn't that be a miracle?

The Fredrikson Freedom Fund could be an internal fund for just these situations. Roger loved challenges, and helping our clients break down these barriers seems like a fitting way to honor him. It would be a fund that would give a "hand up" when needed the most. And, it would be set up to for the client to pay back, IF they could.

Glory House recently received a \$2500 gift that we would like to seed this dandelion fund with. Can you help this fund grow, to help all our "Traci's" that come to us needing so much?

Donors for 2016

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Ben Duenwald and his daughter Kelsey of Flyboy Donuts support the Glory House. Do you? Please join them as a donor to the Glory House.

A testimonial from a resident

My stay at the Glory House has been nothing short of life changing. I've learned so many things since I've been placed here. Most of importance is the fact of what I can have and who I can keep in my life if I stay sober. The counselor's here are very intelligent and have a lot of compassion for us here. My counselor has helped me in many ways from just being a person that I can talk to, to a person who helps me push to get back on my meds for my mental illness. Points me in the right direction to aid me in getting a job. Just really helping in putting my life back in order and back on track. I've balanced my moods and staff's aware of my problems and are quite patient with my. I feel as if I have many of my problems here and had a real eye opening experience, and just want to say thank you to all of the Glory House staff and counselors for doing their job and having the heart and love for the people who are broken inside.

--Thank you from Josh B

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Check us out on Facebook to read reviews just like this one!

"I have struggled with opiate addiction for 10 years. I've done horrible shameful things to myself and the people who love me, just as addiction will do.

But today I can say I have over 7 months clean (the longest I've ever been able to get together) and I owe a lot of it to the Glory House and some of the amazing staff that were working there when I was a resident.

There is life after addiction, no matter how far deep you are! I am living proof. Never give up! Life is so beautiful if you want it to be!"

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