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**Danielle D. recommends Glory House:** *I am so thankful for the Glory House staff! My brother has changed his entire life around! I thank GOD for you guys!!!*

**Frank H. gave Glory House a 4 star recommendation:** *It helped me out a lot. They taught me so much. Thank you to all the staff people for all your help.*

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On April 18, 2019 Glory House broke ground on a 25-unit apartment building. Located on adjacent property, it is scheduled for occupancy in December. This is the first phase in the construction of three apartment buildings that will be accessible, affordable and felon-friendly. Living next door, tenants will have easy access to Glory House's substance abuse, mental health and case management services as they need them.

Accessible housing is key to long term success for our clients. Too often, once primary treatment is completed, housing challenges put people at a very real disadvantage. Many individuals return to their exact same unhealthy environment. Even with the recovery tools they gained in treatment it can be very difficult to maintain sobriety in an environment where ongoing use occurs. Individuals with felonies in their background simply cannot find safe and adequate housing due to their records and the many "crime free" restrictions in place. For many, housing in healthier neighborhoods is not affordable. All of these factors result in returning to the same dysfunctional behaviors and often a return to crime and substance abuse.

Accessible housing can provide many benefits for both the individual and our community. With rent being less than \$600 monthly, easy access to a full spectrum of recovery services, a drug free stipulation, and knowing that they have this housing for the long term means a much better opportunity for the tenant's success. The benefits for our community include stable employees for local employers, new taxpaying citizens to defray tax burden on us all, lower rates of recidivism and less law enforcement and court costs. An individual that works and has adequate housing puts less strain on other social service costs for our community as well.

The mission of the Glory House, "**Helping People Claim their Lives with Christian Compassion, Resources and Support**" has taken a new direction. With Spring comes a new opportunity for hope and success!



*Helping people claim their lives with Christian compassion, resources, and support.*

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# CLIENT SUPPORT TECHNICIANS



Glory House Client Support Technicians (CST's, for short) are a group of 20 employees who keep the peace, enforce the rules, help clients process their emotions, celebrate their successes, model appropriate behavior and have fun. They are the front-line staff. Whatever comes up during their shift, they have to handle.

Grace Chinn (middle) has been a CST for about 3 years, and recently became Lead CST.

Grace has a degree in social work from Killian College and loves her job. *"I like helping people help themselves. It's humbling to see clients get excited about things that seem so small to me—like getting a driver's license, or maintaining sobriety for one more day. Most of our clients don't believe in themselves--they think they were made to fail. Success is scary for them."* Grace says that one of the hardest parts of her job is watching clients fail when she knows they could succeed.

Diana Yedwabnick (right) is the Co-Lead CST. She is studying for a degree in Addiction Studies and has been a CST for about 18 months. Diana likes the challenge of working with people who are not used to structure and routine. She sees clients try to rebel against the structure of Glory House, but she thinks that secretly they like it.

*"What they learn and practice at Glory House helps them improve their family relationships. For me, this isn't a job. It's a rewarding experience in helping people grow and change,"* Diana says.

All of these sentiments are echoed by Shannon Barnes (left). Shannon has worked at Glory House for 12 years in a variety of positions. She has a degree in Criminal Justice from Killian College. Shannon likes helping people and seeing them change. She measures a client's progress by watching their faces. *"I love seeing clear, sparkly eyes."*

All three of these CST's have witnessed failure. All three have seen great positive change, and they have seen how clients help and support each other and the staff in difficult times. Grace sums up her experience at Glory House by saying, *"It's opened my eyes to how much people can change. Overall, I see a lot of success and I know we are helping the Sioux Falls community."*

## Here is a list of items that Glory House needs...

- Bicycles and bike locks
- Gloves/hats
- Work boots & Steel-toed boots
- Calendar Planners
- Bus passes
- Postage stamps
- AA/NA books
- Spring/Fall coats
- Carpentry Tools
- Socks & Underwear (new)
- Art Supplies

## For the rewards closet...

- Candy
- Notebooks
- Towels
- Home essentials
- Movie tickets
- Plastic hangers
- Greeting cards
- Stationery
- Hygiene products (Men's & Women's)
- \$5 Gift cards
- \$10 Gift cards



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This Saint Patrick's Day we were fortunate to have a photo booth party for the residents to celebrate the drinking themed holiday in a fun, clean and sober way. The residents were able to enjoy some treats and goodies, play some St Patrick's Day trivia, listen to music, play games and take their picture with some props. The event was during visiting hours so clients could have their families join in on the fun! Finding ways to celebrate and smile during holidays is a great coping skill and learning opportunity.



### A Good Friday and Easter Message from Glory House

It had all seemed beyond hopeless. The guy his followers had called Teacher, Master and Lord, Jesus, had been brutally killed on a cross, the instrument of torture the Roman occupiers used to “teach people a lesson.”

Yeah, he had told his disciples that this was going to happen: But those who'd heard him say those things weren't really convinced that Jesus would be raised from the dead.

Well, the disciples were wrong! Jesus did leave the tomb empty on the Day of Resurrection! Through his bloody sacrifice on the cross at “the Place of the Skull” and his overcoming death itself, Jesus opened the gate to heaven for all who believed in him as Savior and made him Lord of their lives. We can follow him, too. God in Jesus Christ didn't just die and rise for so-called “good people.” He died for the whole world of fallen, hurting, addicted, broken and burnt-out people like you and me. On the cross Jesus forgave his tormentors, and promised a convict on another cross that “today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:34, 42, 43)

I take one simple lesson from this: In Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen Son, there is always hope for the future. Not just in the “then and there” of heaven but also in the here and now of our daily lives. Nothing and no one is hopeless when we have an abiding relationship with the Lord, who knows our suffering AND who gives new life to those who come to him, baggage and all!

--Pastor Randy Fredrikson

## CHRISTMAS AT GLORY HOUSE

Every year Glory House staff throw a big Christmas party for our residential clients. The clients are treated to pizza, wings and homemade Christmas goodies made by staff and their families. Santa and his elves make a special appearance so the clients can get their picture taken with Santa. We play games, do door prizes and often the female clients are treated to some spa services. At the end of the night Santa and his elves bring presents. This year we had a generous donor that provides the funds to give each client \$50. One of the female clients mentioned she has never been to a Christmas party and had no idea what to expect, but that she was so glad she came. The clients are always grateful for the presents that are made possible by donor gifts provided throughout the year. It is the happiest night of the year at Glory House.



## CLIENT QUOTATION....

*“There is hope for a new beginning at a sober life, and Glory House has made that possible for me.” --Nancy*

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**“Kicks for a  
Cause”  
on  
June 1st**

Glory House will have a team competing in “Kicks for a Cause” on Saturday, June 1st at Earl McCart Fields. The event is a fun fundraiser for non-profits in our community. Come out and cheer them on!

Businesses can have their logo printed on the team T-shirts for a donation of \$100. All proceeds will go toward “Building Hope,” Glory House’s affordable housing project that is now under construction. More info from Andrea (afromelt@glory-house.org or 988-9132).