



Summer 2018

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!



This year Glory House has turned 50 years old. Little did Roger Fredrikson know that his random words in 1968 would blossom for 50 years.

To celebrate our 50 years, Glory House has partnered with the South Dakota Addiction and Prevention Professionals to bring John Arden, Ph.D. to Sioux Falls for the SDAPP annual conference. Dr. Arden has authored or co-authored 15 books, most of which focus on helping those with addiction or mental health problems rewire their brains for success. The conference begins on September 27th and will run through noon on September 28th. Dr. Arden will speak at the conference on September 27th and will be the Keynote speaker at the Glory House birthday bash on September 28.

The birthday bash will take place during the evening of September 28th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 201 E. 8th St., Sioux Falls. Watch for more details.

Our celebration coincides with the launch of our effort to build affordable housing for those with felony records who need support services in order to be successful in the community. The Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce has approved a \$1.34 million appeals campaign that will kick-off in November, 2019, but we hope to begin this multi-phase project this fall, building the first 25 units before the snow gets too deep.

I hope you all get to enjoy the warm, sunny days of summer before then.

--Dave Johnson, President

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CASE MANAGEMENT

What if you just got out of prison and didn't have an ID? What if you need to look for work or go to the doctor and don't have transportation? What if you need medication, but can't afford the prescription? What do you do?

Talk to Case Management.

Behind this bureaucratic sounding title are five Glory House employees who help the clients solve day-to-day problems, and in the process, teach them life skills. Angela Matson and Barb Lueth work with clients who are entering Glory House, making sure that they have ID's, medication, and whatever else they need for a successful job search.



After clients solve their initial issues, they are assigned to a case manager who will be with them throughout their stay at Glory House. Angie Famestad has been a case manager for three years. She describes her job as "helping clients navigate any issue that involves going out into the community." She talks to probation officers, helps with transportation issues, arranges family visits and much more.

Tashina Black Bull has also worked at Glory House for three years and has been a case manager for one year. Tashina describes the case manager job as "giving advice and directions and then checking to make sure that the client has followed through." Andrew Hanenburg is the third member of this trio.

Both Angie and Tashina say that the most frustrating part of their job is finding the money to help clients pay for medication, particularly mental health medications. However, the rewards of the job far outweigh the frustrations. Angie says, "We are a team and help each other out. It's rewarding to help clients and see what they can accomplish. In the end, it's the clients who get me here every day".

Dave Johnson believes that case management is a critical piece of the Glory House treatment program. "By having the same case manager throughout their stay here, clients are treated consistently. We hope that with repetition, the clients will either remember the problem solving skills that they had before prison, or they will learn new skills and get to practice them." Dave believes so strongly in case management that he provides those services even when he knows that Glory House won't be reimbursed for them. "The South Dakota Department of Social Services doesn't reimburse us for case management services for the substance abuse clients that they place here. But, it's a necessary service if we want our clients to be successful in the community. We provide case management to every client who is with us no matter what their funding source is."

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

- Bicycles
- Carpentry tools
- Work boots
- Bus passes
- Phone cards
- Stamps
- Gift cards
- AA/NA books
- Underwear
- Socks



For the rewards closet...

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

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As in past years, Glory House staff, clients and their families celebrated a sober St. Patrick's Day at Glory House. Food, games, and an evening of fun were organized by counselor Amanda Pryzmus. As usual, the photo booth was a popular spot.



EASTER

Amanda Pryzmus also organized an Easter event for clients and their children. Parents from the Parenting Group filled Easter baskets for all of the clients. The remaining eggs were hidden around our campus much to the delight of our clients and their children.



MOTHER'S DAY

While most of us were able to spend Mother's Day with our families and loved ones, that wasn't possible for most of the female residents of Glory House. In an effort to make the day a little brighter for those clients, Kelly Cleveringa, Director of Social Services, recruited some young volunteers to make homemade Mother's Day cards.

Thanks to Kelly's idea and their efforts, every woman at Glory House was able to receive a hand made card.

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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BILLIE AND GINA



When Billie was sent to prison, he lost the person that was most precious to him, his daughter Gina. Billie was from California and Gina's mother lived in Mexico. Gina, an American citizen who was then seven years old, was sent to Mexico to live with her mother. Because of her mother's drug problems, Gina spent most of her nine years in Mexico living on the streets. Thanks to help from counselor TR Maves and other Glory House staff, Gina and her father were reunited in Sioux Falls at the beginning of May 2018.

This is their story:

"Coming from prison to the Glory House was like coming out of darkness into the light. I had spent years worrying and wondering if my daughter was going to escape the violence and kidnappings of Mexico. Watching the news on TV made me worried and anxious. I believed that her light skin color would make her more of a target. I tried to help her from prison, but my hands were tied and the doors were shut. All I could do is send her the few dollars that I earned in prison and talk to her on the phone when she had a phone that worked. She told me how she felt about having to survive on the streets of Mexico with no money, no family and no identification. She said that she had to scrounge for food. When I told her what I ate in prison, she said, "You have it good". This was our life until I came to Glory House.

Once I came to Glory House, I was able to have better contact with my daughter. It was like the door that had been closed for so long was now wide open. Glory House helped me get my own life back together as well as helping the most important person in my life. The staff immediately helped me get phone cards so I could talk to my daughter, and helped me get my social security card and driver's license so I could work.

Within two days after getting to Glory House, I was working full time. Eventually, I was able to save money so I could get my own place. One of my co-workers offered to go get Gina. I was not able to because of my supervision restrictions. My counselor came in to work on his day off to make sure there were no problems with customs. My co-worker had all the paperwork he needed and Gina was released to him.

Now Gina and I are living in our own apartment in Sioux Falls. Gina [now 16 years old] is attending school and feeling safe. She said, "Now I don't have to worry about being shot or kidnapped." After a grocery-shopping trip, Gina told me that, "now the fridge looks happy."

I give thanks to the Glory House staff for making this possible and for the warm, caring spirit we felt. If everyone was as helpful and caring as the staff at the Glory House, the world would be a nicer place. Thank you."

SHARING STORIES AND TALENTS

In March, Kelly Cleveringa took a group of clients to a Community Corrections class at the University Center. Three clients bravely spoke to the class about their struggles with addiction and recovery. The clients honestly admitted that the comfort of their old lifestyle sometimes made it difficult to continue to do the hard work of recovery. However, their desire to be good parents and role models for their children motivated them to continue on.

One client read poetry that he had written. Another client sang a Native American song.

After the class, the clients celebrated their progress by having lunch at a Mexican restaurant.



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FREDRICKSON FREEDOM FUND: PLEASE HELP

Over a year ago, The Glory House received a gift that funded the Fredrickson Freedom Fund, money that is loaned to clients to cover emergency expenses that can not be paid for in any other way. The Fund has been used to buy medication (usually psychiatric medications), work clothes and bus passes.

80% of the clients who have used the Fund have repaid Glory House.

However, the Fund has shrunk and needs replenishing. Please help us fill that gap. Your generous gift will allow our clients to remain healthy and employed. THANK YOU.