



Spring 2022

From the President

NICKI DVORAK



Spring is a time where there is an excitement for the transition of nature and our spirits are higher. We feel motivated from this natural positive energy, and this mirrors the happenings at Glory House.

As we have faced many transitions in the past year, we have developed goals to enhance client services and the atmosphere for the employees. Recent happenings include monthly fun competitions for clients, opportunities for the staff to share ideas for change, and we had a staff member bring their pet to work for their entire shift as a reward from a fundraiser for client recreation supplies! Our staff continues to find new ways to bring joy to the clients and keep Glory House moving toward our goals.

Another development is the management of the agency, illustrated by a fun story. Recently I was visiting with a client whom I had worked with many years ago. He approached me and said, "You're still here at Glory House?" I responded yes and he continued, "What do you do now?" With much honor, I answered him, "I am the President of Glory House." The board of directors took this action on March 31.

I began working at Glory House in May of 1999, as a part time driver/CST. Within a few weeks, I was offered the position of Life Skills/Employment Specialist. A few months later, I was assigned individual and group counseling for substance abuse. I joined the management team in 2009, and since then I have worked in many roles with the clients and the staff.

The experience and knowledge of multiple different roles allows me a unique perspective and is vital in shaping my vision for the agency. I am deeply grateful to the staff for their encouragement over the past several months, and for the high level of motivation they have to advance and achieve high standards for our Glory House community. Special thanks to the management team Kelly Cleveringa, Bonnie Dougherty, Kristy Husby, Kari Joldersma, Jessica Payne, Chasity Towns, and to board members Eric Gulden and Ryan Howlett for the faith, support, and guidance.

My standard is to love Glory House as much as our founder, Pastor Roger Fredrikson, and to live the mission of "Helping People Claim Their Lives with Christian Compassion, Resources, and Support".



Helping People Claim Their Lives with Christian Compassion, Resources and Support

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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW VIDEOS AND QUOTES LIKE THESE AT www.facebook.com/glory-house

"I'm so glad my parole officer recommended Glory House when I was released from prison. I don't know where I'd be today if I had not come to Glory House first." LJ

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GLORY HOUSE SERVES VETERANS, TOO

As our nation honors those who have served in the military on Memorial Day, we know that many veterans are continuing to fight internal battles. PTSD and chronic pain often lead to opioid prescriptions, which sometimes lead to addiction. It is estimated that 1 in 15 veterans struggles with substance issues in any given year; many others will face these struggles at some point in their lives. Veterans are served at Glory House, too. Current client NS served in the 7th Pacific Fleet of the US Navy for 8 years. Enlisting was a way to leave behind the painful upbringing he had experienced at home. Later he used chemicals to numb those painful memories that he still had. To every veteran, and everyone else still fighting the battle of addiction, NS says, "Get help! Get clean and sober! Help is available."

WOMEN'S RECOVERY STORIES ARE SHARED EACH SUNDAY

Thanks to a grant from the Sioux Falls Women's Alliance, clients in our Sands Freedom Center (women's unit) have the opportunity to hear from someone in recovery every Sunday evening. Light refreshments are served, and sometimes they have met offsite at a local coffee shop for a change of routine. Our Glory House clients are moved by these personal stories of recovery and resilience, as you can see from a few of their responses:

I find the group very inspiring; other people's stories bring me faith to keep pushing in the right direction.

I enjoy these sessions because they show me that I too can get through my life struggles, on my road of recovery.

It is so amazing to be empowered by other women. It helps us connect to each other in the house, as well as with the staff. I have not been to one meeting that has not brought me to tears. It is so motivating.

(If you or someone you know would like to share a story of recovery and resilience, contact Shannon at 988-9133 or sbarnes@glory-house.org)

GIFTS LARGE AND SMALL NEEDED FOR NEW REACH-IN COOLER

The large reach-in cooler (refrigerator) in the Glory House kitchen has reached the end of its serviceable life and needs to be replaced, at a cost of about \$7500. This expense was not anticipated when the 2022 budget was created, so we will be grateful for any and all financial gifts designated for this important purchase. Nutritional meals prepared with food that is stored properly are an essential part of daily life for some 90 clients (and several staff who also enjoy the culinary art of our cooks), 365 days each year. Donations can be sent using the envelope enclosed with this newsletter, or at www.glory-house.org/donate. Thank you!

(We are extremely grateful for recent grants from the Sheldon F Reese Foundation and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community which have helped to defray the cost of our new commercial stove.)

GLORY HOUSE - OUR VISION

With Divine Guidance, every client is met with compassion and respect, accepted wherever they are, and offered opportunities to grow.

SHEILA REDING—OUR LONGEST-SERVING BOARD MEMBER

Sheila Reding was working fulltime as business manager of her husband's physical therapy practice when she first became involved with Glory House in 1984. She was asked to be the liaison to Glory House from the Sertoma Club where she was a member. She was instrumental in forming the Glory House Women's Auxiliary that was put in place to support the couple (especially the wife) who managed Glory House when it was a much smaller organization. (The unused fireplace in the largest office of the Main Building is architectural evidence of this earlier era when the managers lived on the premises.) Sheila served as the first president of the auxiliary and became its liaison to the Glory House Board of Directors. This was her first and lasting connection to service on the board.



Sheila recalls the calm and steady leadership provided by director Chuck Mandsager and board chair Arden Waag during some very challenging times in those earlier years. "They were the right persons at the right time, for both the board and the staff." When she became one of the first female board members, Sheila was able to apply her business experience to the work of the board, which complemented the faith component which had been fundamental ever since Glory House's beginning in 1968.

Later Sheila recruited her husband Tom Reding to the board, and he served for five years. She recalls Dave Johnson being hired, Linda Atkinson as a particularly influential counselor, and the positive impact of board members Gary Helder, Dave Tidwell, Jeff Strand and former client and later board president Greg Sands, among many others. And she noted TR Maves' longtime service as an effective counselor. The complexion of the Glory House board of directors has changed over the years, with more women serving now and more younger members than in the past, bringing a wider variety of perspectives.

Sheila Reding's long and faithful service illustrates the resilience of Glory House. She continues to champion business stability as a foundation for channeling our energy into the mission of "Helping People Claim their Lives with Christian Compassion, Resources and Support."

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

General:

All clothes must be NEW, not used

- Bicycles & Bike Locks
- Winter Coats (size XL - XXXXL)
- Gloves & Hats
- Socks, Underwear & Bras
- Non-slip black shoes
- Any Large Size Clothing (1X - 4X)
- Hygiene Products (shampoo, soap, women's hygiene products)
- Makeup
- Black Non-Slip Shoes (suitable for restaurant work)
- Work boots & Steel-Toed Boots

- Carpentry Tools
- Backpacks

Rewards Closet:

- Candy
- Pop
- Notebooks
- Movie Tickets
- Plastic Hangers
- \$5 & \$10 Gift Cards
- Wallets (men's & women's)
- Calendar Planners
- Art Supplies

Glory House Apartments:

- Brooms & Dustpans
- Floor Mops
- Towels
- Toilet Bowl Brushes & Plungers
- Small Trash Containers



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DOING GOOD AWAY FROM GLORY HOUSE

Glory House Case Manager Alexis Yim has volunteered with SD Miss Amazing for the past four years. This organization believes that the opportunities available to girls with disabilities should reflect their boundless potential. Founded in 2007 by “Jordan” at age 13, Miss Amazing now has chapters in 35 states. Alexis enjoys seeing the growth in self-esteem shown by the girls as they participate in “Amplify,” an educational program and “Advocates” which provides leadership development. She concludes, “The joy and fulfillment that you see on the girls’ faces shows how being part of Miss Amazing builds up their confidence.”



A FOND FAREWELL

GLORY HOUSE BIDS A FOND FAREWELL TO LONGTIME

STAFF MEMBER DEBRA

Debra has worked at Glory House since 2008. She has been the welcome wagon for hundreds of clients and dozens of staff. Even though we are sad she is leaving the Glory House family, we are excited for her new adventures in life!

Thanks for all the wonderful memories and your dedication in living the Glory House mission statement. Your faithful presence and reassuring voice will be missed!