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Making Houses into Homes



Sioux Empire United Way

Fall 2011 Newsletter

MISSION STATEMENT

Making Houses into Homes

PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a non-profit, non-denominational community organization of volunteers, our purpose is to share the love of Christ through the acceptance and distribution of “gently used” furniture to those in need.

We are a non profit 501(c)3 organization.

Our Immediate Needs

WE NEED MATTRESSES AND/OR BOX SPRINGS IN ALL SIZES

We ask they be in “gently used” condition with no tears or stains.

Winter is almost upon us and we desperately need:

- Comforters and Blankets for Full, Queen & King Beds
- Queen Sheet Sets

Thank you to the ladies from various church groups, organizations, and individuals who have given us quilts and blankets made in their quilting groups or those who do this on your own. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into making these and the warmth you have provided to families.

Items in General

- Our volunteers love to have homemade treats on their break time. If you like to bake cakes or cookies, donations dropped off would be most appreciated.
- Donations of Coffee for the volunteers.

FURNITURE MISSION

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THE BEDSPREAD NEWSLETTER

YOU MAY NOW MAKE A MONETARY DONATION ON LINE BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE @ www.furnituremission.org. JUST CLICK ON "DONATE NOW".

Summer Excitement - We held our First Annual Ladies Night Out Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our First Annual Ladies Night Out Fundraiser. For a first time event we are very happy with the outcome and have received many favorable comments. There are so many to thank and hopefully everyone received a personal thank you in the mail. I would first like to say my heartfelt thanks to those who helped put the evening together. Thank you Karen Delange, Kathryn Hennings, Myrna Nelson, Nancy Rasmussen, and Sarah Roth. Also, Check in and Silent Auction Check-out help Marilyn Brink, Kathy Bittner, and Nancy Fenicle. To the Volunteer Staff at the Furniture Mission who did odd jobs here and there. Thank you to the Corporate Sponsors and the Furniture Mission Board Members who procured these sponsorships. Thank you to the many Businesses who willingly contributed to our Silent Auction and the Radio Stations for their In-Kind donations of Radio spots. Thank you to the Vendors we had at the event supporting our mission. Thank you to the talented "South of Harmony Junction" singing trio for providing our entertainment and to the Holiday Inn Staff for being so easy to work with in making arrangements and



also for the great appetizers. If you attended the event THANK YOU! I hope you enjoyed yourself and will join us again next year. We consider everyone a friend that supports the Furniture Mission in anyway. Hopefully, next year we will see more of you there and you can have a night to enjoy yourself as well as supporting the ministry of the Furniture Mission.

have been able to maintain our operating expenses. "TOGETHER" we want to see people thrive and prosper and we help do that with this piece of the puzzle "Making Houses into Homes".

*With thanks & gratitude,
Stephanie Heiden, Executive Director*

The United Way Campaign for 2012 is underway. The Furniture Mission is grateful for the impact that United Way makes in helping us to accomplish our mission with their financial support and encouragement.

Please remember to support United Way.



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NEW PARTNER



We wish to say thank you to Citibank for becoming a partner and champion for the Furniture Mission by giving the Furniture Mission the proceeds from the sale of used office furniture. We received over \$5,000 from this venture. We are honored that you chose the Furniture Mission and hope to continue to partner with you.

THANK YOU!

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Notes from Executive Director, Stephanie Heiden

CONTENTMENT COMES WHEN YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO OTHERS BY RICK WARREN

And all of you must put on the apron of humility, to serve one another; for the scripture says, 'God resists the proud, but shows favor to the humble.' 1 Peter 5:5 (TEV)

If you will begin giving yourself to others, sharing what things you do have, sharing your time and your talents, you will find yourself learning to be content. Helping others will give you an appreciation for what you have and who you are, but more importantly, God designed you to serve and share with others. Until you do that, you will never be truly content.

Real servants don't serve for the approval or applause of others. They are content to live for an audience of One. They are content with quietly serving God. You may be serving in obscurity in some small place, feeling unknown and unappreciated. Listen: God put you where you are for a purpose! He has every hair on your head numbered, and he knows your address.

With that being said, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped serve the Furniture Mission this year in whatever capacity that may be. Whether it be big or small and if it seemed like it went unnoticed, please know it was appreciated and that each and everyone of you has made a difference in the ministry of our Mission. We were put on this earth to serve, not to be served. Thank you for being the true servants that you are.

I do want to say a special THANK YOU to those church groups that so faithfully come in one Saturday a month to deliver and pick up furniture. King of Glory, Shalom Christian Reformed, and First Evangelical Free. Also to Hillcrest Church and to Ransom Church for filling in. Thank you to all of the other volunteer groups that have done a service project with us throughout the year. I know I haven't mentioned everyone by name but know you are appreciated.

Please continue to keep the Furniture Mission in your prayers. We know that God has answered those prayers in the favor we ask. We continue to be able to be a blessing to others even though we have grown from serving 50 referrals a month 5 years ago to serving over 200 referrals a month now. The wonderful people in Sioux Falls and surrounding communities have continued to donate furniture and we

Meet Renee Lehr

Our newly hired Office Supervisor

July 1, Renee Lehr became our Office Supervisor after the retirement of our long time volunteer Carol Childerston.

Until taking this position Renee has been a Paralegal for many years. She is originally from Pierre, SD and has been in Sioux Falls since 1996, except for 3 years while her husband attended Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

Renee is married to Rev. Greg Lehr, Senior Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church here in Sioux Falls. Together they have one daughter Regan who attends Lincoln High School.

When you get a chance, come in and introduce yourself to Renee. She is very personable and a wonderful asset to the Furniture Mission.



WELCOME RENEE!

C.J. "Del and Alene Delbridge Family Endowment

A fund of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

We received funding from the Delbridge Family Endowment for \$2,500 which will cover the cost of helping 50 families with "basic needs" furniture. We are very thankful for being chosen as one of the Grant recipients. This Grant focuses on activities that will lift up economically or socially disadvantaged people of good character and help them overcome obstacles to achieving their potential.



Thank You





UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

Tim & Michele Kleinwolterink are a delightful couple I wanted you to know about. They volunteer for us one evening a month. They come here after they get off work and help us out. In a typical evening they make two deliveries to clients and one or two pickups of furniture from donors. This may not seem like much but it is another 4 things we have taken care of in order to get our clients served in a timely manner. It amazes me that a couple can and are willing to do this. We say "hats off to you" and many, many thanks for this dedication to the

Furniture Mission. May you be blessed for being a blessing to others.

If this is something that would interest you, please give us a call and we can get you on our schedule. Two couples could work together in an evening as well. We aren't asking for a monthly commitment but maybe you would want to try it once and see how it goes.

"I slept and dreamt that life was pleasure, I woke and saw that life was service, I served and discovered that service was pleasure."



THANK YOU to Jolene Feenstra for volunteering to clean at the Furniture Mission once a week. WOW! You are great! We appreciate it so much.



Purchase of New Testament Outreach Bibles

THANK YOU to the following who have sent monetary gifts to help defray the cost of purchasing Outreach Bibles. Every referral who receives furniture from us is given a Bible in hopes that a seed has been planted and they will learn to know God as their Lord and Savior. **This as an important part of our ministry.**

Steve Kirby Michael & Renee Roth

If you would like to help support the cost of our Bibles, please call OR you may now DONATE on line on our Website @ www.furnituremission.org or send a check indicating this wish.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Rodney Lamfers by:

Mr. & Mrs. David Baar	Mrs. Kerry Lamfers & Girls
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bannwarth	Lynn Jackson Shultz & Lebrun, PC
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Bartunek	Mr. & Mrs. Heath Oberloh
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Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kreykes	Dr. & Mrs. Aaron Zylstra
Lamfers & Maas, LLP	Designated memorials to the
	Furniture Mission given from
	Lamfers Family

In memory of Duane Bernstein by: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cleveland

In memory of David Engbrecht by: Ms. Martha Hofer

In memory of Artis Knudson by: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cleveland

In memory of Connie Rames by: Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Childerston

In memory of Martha Feucht by: Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Hoogendoorn

In Honor of Gifts

Given in honor of Charlie & Carol Childerston by:

Lynne Hawk	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rose
Mr. & Mrs. Loren Long	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ross

Given in honor of Brian & Sonca Koob by: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Muth

Given in honor of the service of the Board of Directors of the Furniture Mission Board by: Rick & Tammy Otten

Thank you to those who have helped support the Furniture Mission by giving these gifts.

If you wish to give a gift in honor or memory of someone, we will be happy to send an acknowledgement of the gift to the family or person you are remembering or honoring.