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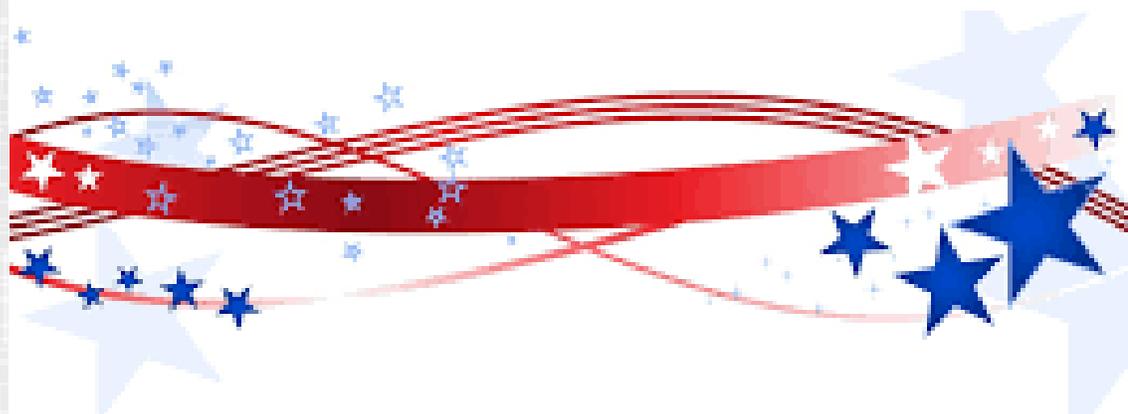
**Check us out on Facebook to  
read reviews just like these!**

*Awesome! I'm thankful so, so much  
for what they gave me on my road to  
recovery. CS*

*This place is life-changing. The  
love and support has shown and still  
continues to show me a life I never  
dreamed possible. 137 days sober.  
Very grateful for being at Glory House.  
DJC*

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## President's Message

*Dave Johnson, MS, LPC*



Freedom. For myself, and I suspect many others, I take it for granted. For the men and women that struggle with addiction, mental health, legal, family, employment and a myriad of other challenges, there is no taking freedom for granted.

Glory House is blessed to have the opportunity to help others as they reached to live their "best lives ever." Wading through the pandemic, many of our clients faced challenges that were daunting, discouraging, and for some deadly. With Covid-19 all the struggles that are so very debilitating during a "normal" year were intensified many times over. For those of us working with our clients, it was heartbreaking to watch so many suffer, lose hope and some give up. Hope, however, is eternal.

The resiliency of people is astounding. There is truly inspiration in helping clients as they wade through years of trauma. They are the ones that find their way through the dark. Glory House staff, as well as the other clients, are witness to the struggle and success clients have as they find their way to freedom. None of this is easy, yet as we see daily, freedom to live drug and crime free happens. Bearing witness to these victories is humbling.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, please remember the men and women that bravely face a world that has been torn asunder. Freedom comes in so many ways. For so many of our clients, freedom really is a "life or death" situation.



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

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## UNITED WAY FUNDING APPROVED FOR 2022

Glory House was approved for United Way funding for 2021, and has recently received word of approval for additional funding in 2022 (pending the success of this year's United Way campaign).

The United Way grant has allowed us to increase the staff time devoted to Case Management. Glory House case managers assist clients with numerous practical needs such as obtaining and maintaining employment, making and keeping medical and legal appointments, and getting other life necessities from a driver's license to a winter coat.

United Way funding also allows us to expand Case Management services into the Glory House Apartments, assisting several tenants with unique challenges as identified by the Department of Social Services. Kelly Cleveringa, our program coordinator states that "The United Way grant will help our case managers go the extra mile in serving our clients and tenants with professionalism and effectiveness."

## Local Grantors Enhance Client Experience

### "INSIDE OUT DADS"

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota is partnering with us to share parenting skills with Glory House men as part of new client orientation. "Inside Out Dads" is designed specifically for clients of the justice system who are seeking to connect, or re-connect with the children in their lives.

Comments from participants show the value of this unique opportunity: **I am determined to become a better father, and a better follower of Christ. This class is helping me to better understand myself as well as growing with my family.**

"Inside Out Dads" is offered thanks to a grant from the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.

### WOMEN IN RECOVERY

Stories of recovery and resilience will soon be shared every Sunday evening at the Sands Freedom Center. Thanks to a grant from the Sioux Falls Women's Alliance, speakers from the community will receive a modest stipend for coming to share their experience, strength and hope--and refreshments will be served! If you or someone you know might be willing to make one of these presentations, please call Shannon at 988-9133, or e-mail sbarnes@glory-house.org

## INTERNSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Glory House accepts student interns and collaborates with many local colleges and universities providing a broad spectrum of skill development.

The students the agency works with include Undergraduate and Master's Degree in areas of Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Family Counseling, Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Nursing. The agency averages 4-6 students annually.

Often when the internship program is completed, the student is offered employment. In the past three years, six students were hired for permanent positions.

I am fortunate to maintain contact with some students after they leave the agency. They share with me the value of the experience they gained through working with clients and the lasting impact for their personal and professional development.

For information on current employment openings at Glory House, go to our website:

[www.glory-house.org/employment](http://www.glory-house.org/employment) or contact Nicki at 988-9113, or e-mail [ndvorak@glory-house.org](mailto:ndvorak@glory-house.org)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### ZAC RIPPERDA-- LONGTIME VOLUNTEER

Zac Ripperda has volunteered for Glory House for nearly two decades including the following:

- Participated in the “Human Race” walk/run to represent Glory House (at age 10 months!)
- Helped Dennis in the garden as a toddler
- Helped with the Native American graduation ceremonies for White Bison recovery program
- Baked hundreds of cookies for clients
- Encouraged recycling at the Jazz Fest to raise money for Glory House in the heat of July, 2010
- On Glory House team in Recovery Walk for Face It (three years)
- Initiated making Mother’s day cards for clients and did so for several years
- Glory House 5k walk/run in 2013
- Scared many clients at “Gory House” on several Halloweens
- Delivered pizza to clients for special events numerous times
- Shopped and delivered Super Bowl munchies for Glory House clients several years
- Entertained clients and helped serve at numerous Christmas Parties
- Helped with cleaning and sanitizing prior to audits
- Moved and stored records and lifted heavy items for staff

Away from Glory House, Zac was Captain for the SF Lacrosse team and voted Mr. Lacrosse by the league for North and South Dakota for 2021; currently works for Fareway Foods and lifeguards at Wild Water West; has worked in the Marine Poolee program for 2 years and he has been the Poolee Leader for the past 6 months; has enlisted in the US Marine Corp and leaves for basic training in July. THANK YOU, ZAC--WE WILL MISS YOU!



### DAVID MOREHOUSE-- FORMER CLIENT RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEERING AT GLORY HOUSE

During a time when not many would want to volunteer in a congregate living situation, Glory House had the best volunteer in town! David Morehouse helps in our kitchen EVERY DAY at 5:30 am. He assists with meal prep and bringing in supplies from our pantry.



He’s also been caught cleaning and helping with some maintenance duties. After helping here every morning, he heads to his full-time job. Just like everyone else, Glory House has experienced temporary staff shortages due to COVID and David has been there to fill in the gaps. He is cheerful and warm to everyone he meets and has been invaluable to us during this time. Our clients can come from very poor situations and one of the valuable things we can offer them is a good meal. He has ensured that has continued throughout this pandemic. We know that volunteers like David don’t come around very often and we want him to know how very, very grateful we are for his consistency and compassion for the population that we serve.

For his volunteering David was recognized by the Helpline Center as a “Spirit of Volunteerism Award Honoree” for 2021.

## RUNNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLIENTS, STAFF, COMMUNITY

Glory House is one of ten local non-profit organizations featured in “The Human Race” at Elmwood Park, 1401 N Kiwanis Ave, on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 8:00 a.m. This 5K race or 1 mile walk is a fundraiser sponsored by Health Connect of South Dakota. Glory House will receive most of the registration fees, which are:

\$35 By Aug. 31

\$45 By Sept. 19

\$75 After Sept. 19

Specify Glory House when you register at: [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) (under Health Connect’s Human Race)

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Half a dozen Glory House clients have accepted the challenge to train for the Sioux Falls Half Marathon on August 29. “Up and Running” is a national, faith-based organization that has helped some 1000 persons to complete a half marathon in the past ten years. Participants come from settings of homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, and sex trafficking as well as incarceration, and pay no fees because the program is funded entirely by donations.

Volunteer opportunities include staffing a water station on August 29, serving at the runners’ banquet the night before, and praying for the runners to grow in faith as they build their resilience. Donations of new or used running shoes are also welcome! More information is available: [www.upandrunningagain.org](http://www.upandrunningagain.org) or from Angela (988-9122; [amatson@glory-house.org](mailto:amatson@glory-house.org)) or Allan (988-9125; [asaugstad@glory-house.org](mailto:asaugstad@glory-house.org))

## STAFF TRAINING UPDATES

In order to better understand the needs of the clients we serve, all Glory House staff have now received at least introductory training in Adverse Childhood Experiences, or “ACE’s.” Research has shown that serious childhood traumas such as abuse, neglect, household mental illness or addiction, incarceration of a parent, or homelessness (and numerous others) can harm the brain and lead to long-term health and social problems. It comes as no surprise that most clients of the justice system have high ACE scores.

The next step in addressing the impact of ACE’s is to institute Trauma-Informed Care at all levels of the Glory House experience. Most staff have received training in this evidence-based approach which is now part of ongoing education for veteran staff and orientation for new staff.

To make Trauma Informed Care a reality and to further our mission of “Helping People Claim their Lives with Christian Compassion, Resources and Support,” the Glory House management team has recently adopted the following expressions:

### *OUR VALUES*

Compassion - Kindness, Empathy, Encouragement, Mercy

Competence - Knowledgeable, Organized, Efficient, Level-headed

Commitment - Honesty, Faith, Loyalty, Truth-telling

Consistency - Fair, Dependable, Balanced, Brave

Confidence - Motivated, Responsible, Driven, Empowering

### *OUR VISION*

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

## REMEMBERING SALLY HOLIDAY

Long-time Glory House counselor Sally Holiday was called from this life on January 14, 2021 after being retired on disability for the past year. Sally started at Glory House in February, 2002, and later said, “Helping others is my purpose in life.”

Glory House president Dave Johnson reflected on Sally’s impact with these words:

*She knew where she was headed and had peace with it.  
 She loved her clients and the staff she worked with.  
 She was eternally grateful for the blessings she received.  
 And I am grateful for the blessings she gave to all of us.  
 A life well done.*



A brief but meaningful ceremony of remembrance was held for staff and a few members of Sally’s family in the Sands Group Room in February.



### *A client quote about her time at Glory House:*

*I am extremely grateful for my time here at Glory House. I discovered tools I wasn’t aware that I had. I found the staff to be extremely supportive in my walk here. I don’t think I would have done as well if I had been released directly to my own place. “Tara”*

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

- Bicycles & bike locks
- Gloves & hats
- Work boots & Steel-toed boots
- Calendar Planners
- Bus passes
- Hygiene Products - esp. Shampoo & Body Wash (men’s & women’s)
- Postage stamps
- Christian & Family-friendly movies
- AA/ & NA books
- Sewing kits
- Carpentry Tools
- Backpacks
- Men’s Clothing (sizes XL & above)
- Men’s Briefs (new--sizes XL & above)

- Women’s Underwear (new--including bras)
- Socks (new)
- Art Supplies

### **Glory House Apartments...**

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

### **For the rewards closet...**

- Candy
- Pop
- Notebooks
- Towels
- Home essentials
- Movie tickets
- Plastic hangers
- Greeting cards
- Stationery
- \$5 & \$10 gift cards
- Wallets (men’s & women’s)

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