



JUST A FEW WORDS

Nicole Dvorak, President



I reflect on the time of events and wow there have been many mountaintops we have climbed this year. With the development of a 9-million-dollar housing recovery community to the demolishing of a life changing office building that was part of Glory House since 2004. It has been a big year, and we are not resting.

We have been working with Amy Pokela, a professional development consultant, for a full 360 review and finalized the next three years of tactical planning. The tactical plan includes the areas of direct services, structure, housing, building friends of Glory House, and human capital management. This journey was thoughtful, full of deep discussions, full of laughs, and lots of coffee! The management team fully embraces this rigorous adventure, and I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication.

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Tiana, a Glory House former client, was brave enough to share her story.

Tiana, 29, began using meth after her first try, at age 19. While active in addiction, Tiana struggled with homelessness, inconsistent employment, incarceration, isolation, and maintaining important relationships with family. She says, "Being homeless, I slept wherever I could, in cars, in parks, on couches. I could not hold a job for longer than a week. I did not have a close relationship with my mom, and I lost my kids for two years."

It was being incarcerated for the third time that Tiana realized she needed a change. "Prison is not a fun place. Before my third time in prison, I did not care about going to prison. When I went to prison for the third time, I said, "this is it! I have to commit to changing my life for me, myself."

"Life as an addict is HELL. It ruins your life." Tiana remarks that recovery is a time for reflection, stating, "Addiction is not a choice, getting the drugs is the choice. Most addicts are just trying to escape something, trying to use drugs to escape their reality and then feeling they cannot move forward without the extra boost of whatever they are needing to feel."

While at Glory House, Tiana used resources that assist in recovery, in particular counseling, both individual and groups. "Counseling is a must. Individual counseling at the Glory House has been beneficial for me, as I can express thoughts and concerns weekly with my counselor." She credits her counselor, Alexis, and her case manager, Andrea, as helpful support in her transition from Glory House to being on her own.

When asked how life has changed since starting recovery, Tiana states, "I currently have my own apartment, a stable job as a store manager, I get visits with my children, and I am building good friendships. Some of my previous friends visit, but others who are addicts keep their distance and I am OK with that." Tiana suggests that friends and family members be supportive by "loving from a distance."

She comments, "relapse is not the end of the line. I had a relapse in my recovery, and I look at it as a good thing. I was able to break away and get back on track on my own and not get sucked back into drugs. I was able to develop confidence in myself from it. I was proud of myself for doing so, and feel I am a stronger person now because of it."

Tiana elaborates, "if you want sobriety, you must do it for you, no other reason or you will fail. I look back at where I have been and look forward to an uncertain future. I feel the skills that I have learned at Glory House will help me to be able to cross that bridge when I face it in the future."

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

CLIENT RESPONSE IN A SURVEY

A client wrote, "Glory House is too cool!"

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Congratulations to Kristen Ganske. This fall she met all of the qualifications for Licensed Professional Counselor Mental Health!

Chasity Towns and Drug Screening News

A service Glory House can offer for businesses/employers is drug testing — whether this would be pre-employment under the hiring practices, random, or other reasons. Glory House is very experienced completing over 10,000 drug tests per year. In addition, Drug Detection staff have over 10+ years of experience.

For more information, contact Chasity Towns at 605-988-9116 or email at ctowns@glory-house.org

GLORY HOUSE - OUR VISION

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

Bonnie Dougherty on recovery life!

Bonnie Dougherty is the Client Support Technician Manager at Glory House and is one of many staff who have struggled with drug and/or alcohol abuse in their past. She has been part of a 12-step recovery program since May 5, 2005, being in service for much of her recovery. She began chairing local recovery meetings by her sixth month of recovery. Since then, she has held numerous business positions, along with mentoring other females in recovery.



Bonnie was recently elected to a state position in the recovery community, working for the common good of addiction(s) recovery in the state of South Dakota, and will provide communication between South Dakota and World services. She will present the agenda and minutes of the World Service Conference, World Services communications, and information from regions/states. She will attend the World Service Conference and forum meetings and provide informative workshops by request. Soon, Bonnie will attend a forum seeking to coordinate recovery service efforts throughout the Midwest in Oklahoma City, OK. Go Bonnie!

We are thankful for these local businesses and organizations that have supported us this year

**Journey of Hope
 Union Gospel Mission
 First Baptist Church
 The Women's Alliance
 Scheels
 Eastside Target
 Amazon
 Junior League of Sioux Falls**

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Glory House Volunteers



Since the introduction of the Activities Coordinator position at Glory House, we have been able to make more of an impact with volunteering in our community. One regular volunteer opportunity is through the Humane Society. Our Activities Coordinator, Eve Martinez, has been taking groups of

clients there monthly. They spend the first hour cleaning up indoors/outdoors or helping with fundraising projects. The second hour is devoted

to a tour and snuggles with the animals. Activities Coordinator Eve said, “volunteering at the Humane Society has been an amazing opportunity for our clients to fuel their recovery by giving back to a purpose that they love and are passionate about. Spending time with the animals there is always a wonderful and therapeutic time for them. We are so thankful for the partnership we have developed with the Humane Society!”



We have clients and staff regularly volunteering for Greater Goods, a program

of Volunteers of America. Greater Goods is a warehouse-type store that non-profits shop at for a fraction of normal sale price. This organization is a blessing to Glory House in helping keep a supply of new underwear,

socks, bras and other clothing items, and various dietary and maintenance needs. No one loves a steal from Greater Goods more than Glory House!



AMBER BARTELS AND HOUSING EXCITEMENT

At our groundbreaking event, Glory House was honored to have the MacArthur Foundation speak of a partnership with one of their Safety and Justice Initiative Programs, Just Home. Just Home “seeks to help communities design and implement plans for creating fairer, more just, and more equitable local justice systems using innovative, collaborative, and evidence-based solutions.” The site visit prompted an invitation to other Just Home grantees from across the country to see the collaborative progress Glory House and other community stakeholders are achieving.

In October, the Safety and Justice Initiative partnered with Minnehaha County on the 2024 Just Home Convening. Glory House was invited to attend, hosting tours for other agencies in attendance. Attendees were excited and encouraged by all the resources and services provided to tenants, residents, and community members. In attendance was Stacey Kutil, Glory House’s Community Support Specialist. “I heard of many unique things that the Foundation is doing nationally and locally. It was a very good investment of my time to get acquainted with them during the Just Home Convening.”

Emma Fernandez, a Policy Program Associate with the Urban Institute, providing technical and research assistance, expressed, “the Q&A session was so valuable to give in depth insight into your work. Thank you so much for taking the time to engage with everyone so thoroughly and share your experience. I heard lots of comments from folks from other sites about ways they were inspired by what you all have accomplished and taking those lessons back to work.”

The Just Home Initiative provided 1.9 million in funding for the construction of Phase II of the apartments. This program helps individuals find pathways to affordable, safe, and dignified housing, such as Glory House Apartments. Another partnership includes Urban Indian Health, who will facilitate Talking Circles for apartment tenants on-site in November!

Glory House was honored to be part of helping other communities learn to collaborate and make differences in the lives of individuals we serve daily.

KELLY CLEVERINGA ON CASE MANAGEMENT

When asked what Case Management includes, the better question would be “what doesn’t Case Management include?” and Kelly Cleveringa would struggle to give you a very good answer! Kelly identifies the areas of service in four different categories:

Basic Needs – Assistance with clothing, food, shelter, hygiene, medications.

Daily Living Activities – Assistance with employment, finances, transportation, recreation or behavioral concerns.

Referrals – If we can’t help you with this problem, we will find someone who can! Examples would be referrals to medical, legal, counseling and employment search providers.

Our team consists of an intake case manager, four case managers that work in conjunction with the counseling team, two employment coordinators, and an activities coordinator. While they serve four different functions, the goal for all our staff is the same: help people to help themselves. Clients need varying degrees of assistance when it comes to case management. Some people are self-sufficient and may just need a point in the right direction. Others may need their case manager to make calls, provide reminders, and follow up on needs on their behalf. The goal is to always have the client working towards being able to solve problems on their own and manage their own needs by the time they are ready to be discharged from Glory House. Case managers assist clients to identify goals and work towards completing those goals, while developing their plan for discharge. Discharge planning consists of identifying how they are going to have met their needs for employment, medications, medical and mental health providers, finances, transportation, food, furniture, and household supplies. We provide a quilt and packet of resources at discharge. Glory House has one of the largest case management programs in our state when it comes to addiction treatment. If a client is unable to successfully complete our program, they will have made accomplishments and be on a better path than when they arrived because of our case management department. I am very proud of our team for taking care of business, whatever that may be!

How Can I Donate?

Wishlist for Financial Contributions:

- Cargo/ Transportation Van
- Funds for Painting Supplies
- Funds for Flooring Projects
- Funds for Wellness Visits

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or scan QR code for PayPal



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

In addition to financial support, Glory House is pleased to accept practical donations such as the items below. (Due to storage limitations, we cannot accept furniture or other large items.) Donations may be brought to Sands Freedom Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and other times by appointment. Call Eve at 605-988-9106. *Please note: Clothing and footwear of all kinds must be new.*

General:

- Bicycles & Bike Locks
- Socks, Underwear & Bras
- Any Large Size Clothing (XL - XXXXL)
- Shampoo, soap & women’s hygiene products
- Black Non-Slip Shoes
- Steel-Toed Boots

Rewards Closet:

- Notebooks
- Movie Tickets
- Plastic Hangers
- \$5 & \$10 Gift Cards
- Men’s & Women’s Wallets
- Calendar Planners
- Art Supplies
- Backpacks
- Carpentry Tools



Craig Lloyd and the Glory House Apartments



The Glory House Apartments, in Sioux Falls, SD, are affordable apartments providing safe, sober, and permanent supportive housing for all with a recovery supportive focus. Many of these individuals struggle finding safe and affordable housing due to limitations like high rent prices or having felony records.

Lloyd Companies partnered with Glory House on the Glory House Apartments, with Lloyd Companies acting as a general contractor on the project. Opening in 2019, 25 studio units were constructed, costing approximately \$1.9 million. This June, an expansion on Glory House Apartments was finished, adding 51 studio units, including 1- and 2-bedroom apartments. Craig Lloyd played an integral role in the development of Glory House Apartments.

Craig Lloyd, born in Mankato, MN, grew up in Fort Myers, FL. “I’m an only child. My mother was a homemaker, taking care of me and our home, while my father was an entrepreneur involved in real estate and various other business ventures. He was quite the deal maker.” Learning his father’s business savvy, Lloyd started Lloyd Companies in 1972 alongside his wife, Pat.

When asked of his inspirations for his life, work and philanthropy, Craig states, “I can’t credit just one person; it was the people I surrounded myself with. I believe it’s crucial to be around good people who challenge you to be your best. My parents also played a significant role by always believing

in me and encouraging me to strive for excellence.”

It was through his friendships with Greg Sands and Matt Stanley, how Craig and Pat heard of Glory House. “I appreciate that Glory House provides a path for people who have been in prison or struggled with addiction to start a new life, much like how Greg Sands was transformed by Glory House. I find evidence-based therapies, in their approach to treatment, compelling and impactful.”

A key aspect of Glory House Apartments is the services available to tenants. In addition to housing, tenants have access to counseling, job training, and other resources provided by Glory House. The environment is designed to be safe and supportive, ensuring that tenants have the help needed for reintegration into society successfully.

The collaboration between Glory House and Lloyd Companies is part of a larger effort in Sioux Falls to address the lack of affordable housing. In fact, Glory House Apartments is one of several projects Lloyd Companies has been involved in providing affordable housing. Their involvement demonstrates their commitment to helping improve the quality of life for the community.

Craig states, “My wife and I enjoy donating to various charities because it allows us to support causes that matter to us and help others. We recognize how blessed we are and want to share those blessings. Two organizations I’ve remained involved with over the years are the YMCA and Sioux Empire United Way. Both have adapted over time to address the evolving needs of our community, and I believe they’ve been successful in making a significant impact.” When asked why he has supported Glory House, Craig states, “There are many wonderful organizations making a difference in the community, so it would be hard to pick just a few. However, this past year, Pat and I started to work through the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. We are excited to work with them, as they are helping us focus on our personal goals.”

Glory House is very grateful to Craig and Pat Lloyd for transforming lives for many years to come!

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GIVING TUESDAY

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GIVING:

Please consider supporting the agency as we work towards replacing furniture in the men's and women's unit as well as a cargo or minivan.

HOLIDAY GIVING:

Glory House enjoys making the holiday season a special one for our clients. Nothing warms our hearts more than hearing our clients say "this is the BEST Christmas I have ever had!" We are seeking donations to help make our Christmas celebration special for the 90+ clients at our Christmas party! We ensure that each client receives a delicious meal, a wrapped gift and plenty of other gifts to open for door prizes and winning games at the party. Suggested donations would be \$10 restaurant/store gift cards, men's winter gloves, yearly planners and men/women's socks. All donations should be unused and unwrapped.

Please drop off any donations at Sands Freedom Center by December 12, 2024. We will also accept cash donations for purchasing these items, food and game supplies for the party.

(Paypal: kcleveringa@glory-house.org) (Venmo: gloryhousesf)

GIVING TUESDAY

December 3rd is GIVING TUESDAY and this year Glory House will be raising funds to purchase gifts for our clients' children! All financial donations received the week of 11/27/24-12/3/24 will be used towards the purchase of gifts and costs of mailing gift for those who will not see their children over the holidays. Please use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter, or donate through Venmo ([gloryhousesf](https://www.venmo.com/gloryhousesf)), Paypal (kcleveringa@glory-house.org), or the "Donate" tab on the Glory House website.



*We hope you have enjoyed learning about the updates
and have a joyful and blessed holiday season.*