

THE FIRST 30 DAYS

When men come to reside at Stephen's House, they are seeking to establish a solid spiritual foundation while rebuilding their lives. Often, they have no other housing resource. In addition to the many spiritual hurdles they encounter, the men also deal with the challenge of providing for their physical needs. It can cost up to \$700 the first month to provide:

- Clothing (pants, coat, shoes) - \$150
 - Some clothing items may be available to them at no cost through a supply maintained at Stephen's House or Yankton's Clothing Closet, but often it's challenging for them to find necessary pants, coat and shoes that fit.
- Personal hygiene items - \$20
 - Toothpaste/tooth brush, shower soap, shampoo, laundry soap, over-the-counter medication, etc.
- Transportation - \$30
 - Between walking, bicycling, volunteers and the Yankton Shuttle, residents typically meet transportation needs during their first 30 days. However, in winter, walking and bicycling may not be feasible and residents will need to pay either the Yankton Shuttle (\$2/ride) or a taxicab if volunteers aren't available.
- \$500 rent
 - Most residents have no way to pay rent up front, which covers all utilities and food. If they don't have a family member/sponsor to pay their rent, they make payments over a period of 3 to 4 months, depending on how quickly they secure a job.

Each resident must also pay monthly fees and fines related to their incarceration and/or parole. Community Service work can help pay some parole fees but isn't always available. In some cases, the men secure a job quickly. At other times it can take as much as 8 weeks for them to find full time employment. Your support greatly relieves some of the stress residents encounter during that first 30 days.

If you would like to support a resident, giving opportunities include:

- \$700 to cover the first 30 days
- \$500 to cover the first month's rent
- \$200 to cover the first month's personal needs (clothing, personal hygiene, transportation)
- \$150 to cover clothing needs
- \$50 to cover personal hygiene, transportation
- General donation of any amount

Donations can be mailed to: Stephen's House, 415 Linn St, Yankton, SD 57078 (checks payable to Stephen's House) or made online at www.stephenshouse.org.

Your generous support and prayers for the men residing at Stephen's House makes a life-long positive impact on these men, their families and their friends. Thank you!

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- If you and your congregation will commit to regularly pray for Stephen's House we will greatly appreciate that. Prayer requests include peace in their transition to a new season of life; connection with a local church; patience as they work through the steps to re-enter their community; etc.
- Our residents are required to be members of a local church and we trust you will welcome them to your congregation. Since we want them to both attend church and engage in their congregation's activities, we have asked them to present the pastor with a form that states they are attending the congregation and are receiving Christian mentoring there. We'll be happy to visit with you about residents who select your church and answer any questions you have about their requirements at Stephen's House.
- If you or volunteers in your congregation would like to fellowship with our residents at Stephen's House we welcome that. We'll be happy to talk to you about how to arrange a visit. It is so important for our residents to connect with stable Christians who can serve as role models and mentors.
- Through our Facebook page and web page we will communicate some varying needs for the house such as kitchen chairs, a new electric stove and a couch.
- You can contact us at 605-665-0210, info@stephenshouse.org or by sending mail to 415 Linn St, Yankton SD 57078.