



Tracy's Sanctuary House

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Dear Friends of Tracy's Sanctuary House:

In this season of Thanks we at Tracy's Sanctuary House want to take this time to thank the people of the community, businesses and individuals, who have given generously to keep our organization operational. We really appreciate your support. **THANK YOU!**

Here are some examples of the great generosity our communities have offered to Tracy's.

United Way Day of Caring

United Way Day of Caring was held on Wednesday, August 12. It was a busy time leading up to this day. Meetings were held and supplies purchased so the day went very smoothly. The volunteers worked hard all day to complete our extensive list of tasks. The work that was done included cleaning, inside and outside painting. It was a fun day full of accomplishments. Volunteers came from Aetna, Bank of North Dakota, Basin Electric, Cashman Nursery and Midamerica Credit Union.

Food for the crew was donated by Central Market. Starbucks (Century Ave location) donated coffee to jump start the crew. Ace Hardware gave a price break on tools, stain and paint.

Tracy's Sanctuary House extends a big **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered and donated supplies.



2009 Day of Caring Volunteers take a short break for a picture in front of Tracy's Sanctuary House.

Row 1: Marty Harper, Roslyn Ullman; Row 2: Gordon Matthieson, Marla Belohlavek, Karla Clark, Audree McLean, Rhiannon Johnson, Katie Bommersbach; Row 3: Sue Seminary, Don and Peggy Arndt, Britni Schwartz; Row 4: Amy Jo Johnson, Shirley Vetter, Rodney Hoff

Local Businesses Hold Fundraisers

Kathryn's Consignment and More is located at 1605 Park Avenue in South Bismarck. If you have any items to consign, please contact Kathryn's at 255-1013 and make the donation in support of Tracy's Sanctuary House. If you do, a portion of the proceeds will come back to TSH. Before you leave, take time to shop.

Thank You To Those Who Provide Ongoing Support

Tracy's Sanctuary House would like to extend a special Thank You to the following businesses who have pledged continued support:

- United Way
- McQuade Distributing
- Tudy Fennern/The Banquet – Trinity Lutheran Church
- Dr. Gordon and Jackie Leingang
- Dr. Stephan Scherer / Custom Endodontics

These are only some of the people and organizations who have supported our efforts. Our thanks go out to them and others not already mentioned in this newsletter. Every contribution made to Tracy's Sanctuary House, whether it is money, supplies or a helping hand, is necessary to make our organization work. We are very grateful for all types of donations.

Our Guests Comment . . .

*Eden and Tracy's House Volunteers,
Thank you for letting me stay here with my mom.
- Michelle T*

*Thank you for letting us stay at your house during our dad's stay in the hospital. It is a great place.
- G and H families*

*Eden and Tracy's Sanctuary House Staff,
Thank you so much for letting me and my folks stay here through the course of Don's treatment. The house will have a special place in my heart. I'm eternally grateful. God bless.
- Michelle*

*Thank you ever so much for such a peaceful and lovely place to stay, while we are going through these trying times. God bless
- Connie and Skip*

*The House is beautiful and cozy. It is a nice escape from the hospital.
- Michelle*

*Thank you for the wonderful accommodations during my medical stay in Bismarck. This is a very delightful place and I will recommend it to other people.
- June*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful home away from home. I was so grateful and pleased to stay.
-Trish*

*We are so blessed to have found Tracy's Sanctuary House. Blessings to all of you who put your time and effort into something so wonderful and helpful in times of stress and need for others. What a wonderful and beautiful house and sanctuary you keep up. Thank you for providing a place of rest, nourishment and peace. Thank you and God Bless.
- Ronda, Nikki May and Lacy*

God bless all the volunteers.

- Rosemary and George

Thank you very much for letting me stay here. It is a real nice place to stay.

- Philip

Thank you so much for the opportunity of using Tracy's Sanctuary. It was a life saver.

- Paulie and Mica

Presentations/Tours

Our volunteers have given numerous presentations over the past months. Here are a few:

- Bismarck Mandan Serra Club. Serra Club promotes vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church.
- Sigma Phi Alpha
- Dr. Stephan Scherer's office
- Prairie Rose Lion's Club

Wish List

Our #1 need is monetary for day to day operations of Tracy's Sanctuary House, but below are some items we could use right away.

1. Refrigerator
2. VCR/DVD player (3)
3. Foldable 3-step stool
4. Office supplies: stamps, copy paper, envelopes (#10) , address labels (#5160)
5. Hand-held vacuum
6. Laundry detergent for front loading washer
7. Rubbermaid shelf for towels in downstairs bathroom
8. New washable pillows
9. Queen & full size sheets and blankets

Gift Certificates to:

1. Grocery Stores
2. Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, Kirkwood Mall

Volunteers Needed

New volunteers welcomed! Please call 258-5889 if you are interested.

Tracy's Sanctuary House is part of NAHHH

What is NAHHH? It stands for National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses. Although we are not directly affiliated with a hospital as some houses are, NAHHH provides useful and interesting information about other hospitality houses.

In closing, we wish to thank **all** of our volunteers. Tracy's Sanctuary House is run and operated solely by volunteers. Without them, TSH would not exist. They are the core of our success.

TSH is a 501c3 non-profit organization and receives no funding from federal, state, or local agencies or from any hospital/clinic. Donations are tax deductible.



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