

# HOUSE OF HOPE, INC.



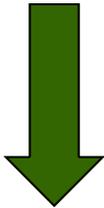
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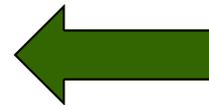
### WE ARE OPEN!!!!

House of Hope, Inc III officially opened its doors on January 3, 2012. We currently have 22 clients with more scheduled to arrive soon. The response for our services has been outstanding. We have had our first graduates from our 90 day program. HOH III offers the same services in Fairmont as we do in Mankato. Within our GED program, there has already been one client who completed and received his GED.

**Hardworking Staff**



**Ribbon Cutting**



**Living Area**



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I was walking around in a mall store shopping, when I saw a cashier talking to a boy who couldn't have been more than 5 or 6 years old.. The Cashier said, 'I'm sorry, but you don't have enough money to buy this doll. Then the little boy turned to the man next to him and asked: "Uncle, are you sure I don't have enough money?" He counted his cash and replied: "You know that you don't have enough money to buy the doll, my dear." The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand.

Finally, I walked toward him and I asked him who he wished to give this doll to. 'It's the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much. I wanted to give it to her for her BIRTHDAY. I have to give the doll to my mommy so that she can give it to my sister when she goes there.' His eyes were so sad while saying this. 'My Sister has gone to be with God.. Daddy says that Mommy is going to see God very soon too, so I thought that she could take the doll with her to give it to my sister...'

My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said: 'I told daddy to tell mommy not to go yet. I need her to wait until I come back from the mall.' Then he showed me a very nice photo of him where he was laughing. He then told me 'I want mommy to take my picture with her so my sister won't forget me.' 'I love my mommy and I wish she didn't have to leave me, but daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister.' Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly..

I quickly reached for my wallet and said to the boy. 'Suppose we check again, just in case you do have enough money for the doll?' 'OK' he said, 'I hope I do have enough.' I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll and even some spare money. The little boy said: 'Thank you God for giving me enough money!'

Then he looked at me and added, 'I asked last night before I went to sleep for God to make sure I had enough money to buy this doll, so that mommy could give it to my sister. He heard me!' 'I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God for too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and a white rose. My mommy loves white roses.'

I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind. Then I remembered a local news paper article two days ago, which mentioned a drunk man in a truck, who hit a car occupied by a young woman and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-sustaining machine, because the young woman would not be able to recover from the coma. Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the news paper that the young woman had passed away.. I couldn't stop myself as I bought a bunch of white roses and I went to the funeral home where the body of the young woman was exposed for people to see and make last wishes before her burial. She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. I left the place, teary-eyed, feeling that my life had been changed for ever...

The love that the little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk driver had taken all this away from him.

## Please DO NOT DRINK & DRIVE.

### MEET THE STAFF

In each new edition of our newsletter, I will be highlighting one staff member. House of Hope, Inc. could not continue without the hard work and dedication of our employees.

#### MISTY ELLINGWORTH



MISTY ELLINGWORTH  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

Misty joined us here at the House of Hope in April of 2010. She comes to us with 20+ years experience in healthcare, billing and insurance. When she is not assisting the office manager she enjoys spending time with her husband of 25years and her sons Mike & Mitch, gardening and reading.

# UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



## DUCKY DASH FOR HOPE

Duck tickets will soon be on sale!!

The race is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2012. Again, we will race 5,000 rubber ducks on the Blue Earth River. The first 5 ducks to cross the finish line will win cash prizes. Tickets will be \$5 each and all proceeds will go to benefit HOH's Community Outreach Program.

## GOLFIN' FOR HOPE

The second annual Golfin' For Hope golf tournament will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2012. Get your teams of 4 together and start practicing your swing. More information will be in future mailings and our web-



## 3rd Annual Parking Lot Sale

This year's parking lot sale will be held on Friday, July 13, 2012. We are currently accepting donations of furniture, household items, clothing, toys, etc.... (Please NO Electronic Equipment).

For Information contact Deanna Staples @ 507-385-7603 or [deanahoh@hickorytech.net](mailto:deanahoh@hickorytech.net)

**We are looking for a number of volunteers for these events and more.... If you believe in our mission and want to help out please contact Mark Johnson @**

**507-385-7611 or [markhoh@hickorytech.net](mailto:markhoh@hickorytech.net)**

**We need people to help sell duck tickets, duck wranglers (rescue rubber ducks from the river), selling concessions, set up & tear down at all events, and more. We appreciate all the help we can get.**

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*House of Hope, Inc. is a treatment facility that provides a safe environment for individuals who desire to rebuild their lives from addictions.*

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*We would like to THANK our generous supporters throughout the years. Some have given cash, others have given in-kind gifts such as food or clothing, and others have given generously of their time. There are too many to acknowledge individually, so please remember that you are all special and very much appreciated!!*

**EXPANDING HOPE**

House of Hope, Inc. will be starting a capital campaign soon. The money raised by this campaign will be used in two different areas. The first will be to help pay for the new building in Fairmont. The second will be for an expansion of services in the Mankato area. With the outstanding response to our new facilities it has become evident that there is still a greater need for our services in this area. With that being said, we need more room in Mankato. In the near future, some of you may be contacted by Mark Davy & Associates by phone for an interview or by mail to complete a survey. Please be open and honest with them. We are asking for your feedback.

**We are only able to grow with your help.**

