

HOUSE OF HOPE, INC



WINTER 2014



EXPANDING HOPE

2014 was another successful year for the House of Hope, Inc. As in most businesses we went through our share of changes and challenges. One thing has stayed true since our beginning in 1971, which is our ability and desire to help the struggling addict and alcoholic. The second thing that has always stayed true is our caring staff, and a Board of Directors that believe in our mission; *“House of Hope, Inc. is an adult treatment facility that provides a safe environment for individuals who desire to rebuild their lives from addictions.”* The third thing that has also stayed true is the support we receive from individuals and our communities.

As we look to 2015 we are excited and look forward to another successful year. We continue to strive to improve and grow as our clients' and community needs change. With the purchase of the 1618 3rd Ave property (formally The VINE) we will have some changes certainly to occur. This new property will allow us to spread out and allow the Mankato Men's program some much needed space. The new building we will house the Administrative team, Outpatient program, and our women's group.



We encourage everyone to check out our newly designed webpage at www.houseofhopemn.com. You can also follow us on Facebook for future events.



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AN EVENING OF HOPE

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

This year's annual dinner in Mankato will be on Thursday, February 26, 2014. The Event will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott. The evening will feature dinner and a silent auction. This years program will be 2 of House of Hopes Alumni sharing their experience, strength and hope.

We will be sending tickets to our donors in January. The tickets are complimentary, however, we do ask for a suggested donation of \$30 to cover the cost and support the event. Larger donations are always welcome. If you have not received your tickets by January 25th and wish to attend, please contact Mark Johnson and he will get you the number of tickets that you desire.

It is very important that you RSVP for the event to make sure that we have enough food prepared for everyone. RSVPs should be sent, no later than February 9th, to Mark Johnson either via email at markhoh@hickorytech.net or by phone to him at **507-385-7611**.

We will be asking for donations from local businesses for the silent auction. We truly appreciate the outpouring of support that we receive from the community for our events.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

We want to thank EVERYONE who helped us throughout 2014! We appreciate your kindness and continued support. You and along with our staff and alumni help make a difference in people's lives!

We feel very fortunate that we are located in Mankato and Fairmont and so many people and businesses support what we do.

Unfortunately, the business we are in there is always going to be a need to help others with their struggles of or with drugs and alcohol. However, helping these people and seeing their lives change and improve, there may not be a better satisfaction. To the businesses that have helped employ our clients we appreciate your support as you are helping give them a second chance to rebuild their lives.



Christmas Trivia

- >During Christmas of 1945, all 400 of the first batch of Slinkies sold out in 90 minutes.
- >Silent Night was first sung in St. Nicholas Church in Salzburg, Austria, on Christmas of 1818.
- >Woolworth's is credited with originating the Christmas bonuses for employees.
- >Stone Yo-Yos appeared in Greece around 1000 BC.
- >Silent Night was originally written for guitar because the organ was broken.
- >In Netherlands, Sinter Klaas delivers toys by steamboat....not a sleigh.
- >Clement C. Moore's gift to his children in 1822 was the poem "The Night Before Christmas."
- >Washington Irving was the first to describe Santa as "fat and jolly," and also as a "pipe-smoker."
- >Franklin Pierce was the first President to have a Christmas tree in the White House.
- >"Frosty The Snowman" originally had 5 fingers on each hand. In 1969, they were changed to 4.
- >"Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" was invented by a Montgomery Ward copywriter to lure in customers.
- >Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states.
- >Calvin Coolidge was the first President to light a Christmas Tree on the White House lawn.
- >The tradition of exchanging gifts was started by ancient Romans.
- >Syrian kids receive gifts from a camel of the Three Wise Men...reportedly, from the smallest camel.
- >John Lloyd Wright, son of Frank Lloyd Wright, invented Lincoln Logs in 1916.
- >The tallest tree that ever stood in the Rockefeller Center was a 100 foot Norway Spruce from Connecticut in 1948.
- >The very first tree in Rockefeller Center was in 1933.
- >The beloved Christmas Ballet, "The Nutcracker", actually flopped when it premiered in 1922.
- >"Kris Kringle" comes from the German "Christ-kindle" which means "Christchild."
- >Every year Norway gives a Christmas tree to Great Britain as thanks for their support during WWII.
- >In 1907, Oklahoma was the last state to recognize Christmas as a legal holiday.
- >Michigan and Stanford played in the first Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day, 1923.
- >"Jingle Bells" was originally written to celebrate Thanksgiving Day in 1857.
- >"Silent Night" is translated into more languages than any other song.

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Happy Holidays from all of us at House of Hope