



Mother's Day MESSAGE

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Did you know that you belong to a special community - one of around 1500 households and businesses of kind, compassionate, neighbors who faithfully support our local mission? You have your own reasons to support Ruth's House. Perhaps you want to help survivors of domestic violence or those who struggle with mental health. Maybe you experienced homelessness as a child or you know someone who did.

Last fall we opened Sarah's House, a sober living home in Northfield for women. Many of the women at Sarah's House are mothers who need this separate space to begin healing before reuniting with their children.

Sarah's House was named after the biblical Sarah and in memory of Our Savior's Lutheran Church Pastor Sarah Hanson-Neitz. Jean Hanson shares about her daughter, Pastor Sarah:

"Sarah loved God and His people. Those who knew and loved her could see the love in her eyes and the light within her, reflected in her smile, her words, her laughter and in her joyful spirit."

You may have even felt a calling to help, like Pastor Sarah, who was a board member of Ruth's House when she passed away. Because of caring individuals like her, we are able to continue our mission and expand to serve even more women and children in need. Because of your support (thank you), many women, like Chloe, have overcome challenges and look toward a future of hope.

This Mother's Day, will you kindly reflect on your reason and make a donation reaffirming your support of Ruth's House? Whatever the reason, know that you are in good company of caring neighbors who share our vision - a safe place for everyone to call home.

Happy Mother's Day!

Suzanne

Suzanne Fox
Executive Director



Please join us this August for our

Virtual Art Auction! Details coming soon...

If you are an artist and wish to donate, please contact info.ruthshouse@gmail.com.

Chloe* Shares Her Story

My story started out very normal. I had a career as an RN. This career afforded me the opportunity to travel throughout state working in healthcare facilities. I loved my family and job. Fast forward, my kids grew up and moved out, and then came the divorce. It was a difficult time for me, and even though the divorce was amicable, I started drinking.

I met my boyfriend and drinking became a way of life. We had been together for two years and I had learned early on that drinking led to altercations. But one fight changed my life forever. It started as any other argument but escalated to violence quickly. A sympathetic doctor later explained that I had a brain bleed and broken bones in my face from the brutal beating I had endured. I was left with a traumatic brain injury that is now my reality. I was terrified. I decided to go to treatment.

My boyfriend kicked me out, leaving me to live in my car. I entered a treatment center and successfully completing my program. Unfortunately, I found myself without a home and unable to work because of my traumatic brain injury.

I found Sarah's House, and it sparked renewed hope. My caseworker and I addressed my individual recovery needs and Sarah's House offered the space to transition from inpatient treatment to living in my community. Less than three months later, I found my own apartment and have the tools and resources needed to embrace my new beginning.

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Empowering lives, offering hope through transitional housing and support.

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