

# SIENA FRANCIS HOUSE

Serving Hope to the Homeless

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## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT US?

We would be happy to send them a copy of the Siena Francis House newsletter to introduce ourselves. Contact Ann Corporan at [acorporan@sienafrancis.org](mailto:acorporan@sienafrancis.org) or by phone at 402-341-1821, extension 1130, for more information.

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## MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Siena Francis House Board of Directors plays an important role in helping us serve our community and lead us forward. It is a privilege to welcome four new members this summer. Visit [sienafrancis.org](http://sienafrancis.org) to meet our returning and newly elected board members.

- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Stewardship
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Compassion



## GET READY TO LACE UP!

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Gene Leahy Mall, 1001 Douglas St - Omaha, NE 68102



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# HOPE NOTES

**SUMMER 2023**

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## Serving Hope to the Homeless



*The Miracles Program provides 80 residential addiction treatment beds for men and women who are experiencing homelessness.*

## NEW DESIGNATION SAME LIFESAVING CARE AT MIRACLES

Recognizing that substance abuse disorders are primary hurdles in the cycle of chronic homelessness, the Miracles Addiction Treatment & Recovery Program provides free, residential treatment to the homeless. We are thrilled to share that in April, Miracles became a state-licensed Mental Health Substance Use Treatment Center facility.

This new designation secured, we look forward to continuing to serve individuals like Nikki C., 26. When we met Nikki,

she was partially clothed, high, injured, and begging for help. She had been homeless for five years and worked as a prostitute to feed her methamphetamine addiction. Suffering from depression, Nikki attempted suicide in 2020. She was broken, desperate, and had hit rock bottom.

Nikki stayed with us for three months. In that time, she struggled and even threatened to leave. But she didn't. Because she realized: *If I leave, I will die.* Gradually, Nikki became more receptive to the program. As she continued treatment, Nikki developed a new enthusiasm for life and graduated from Miracles on May 7, 2021.

Today, she is employed, attends AA meetings, and is nearly three years sober. As a part-time technician at Miracles, Nikki now helps others who are battling addiction. We are fortunate to be part of her journey and to have friends like you who support the Miracles Program.

*\*While this story is true, the name has been changed.*

## Healing for the Whole Family

The Miracles Program recently expanded to include the new Family Program to support families of individuals we serve in Miracles. The six-week program includes weekly group sessions, educational materials, and access to a counselor.

Additionally, loved ones can attend weekly Al-Anon meetings held at Siena Francis House, participate in family counseling sessions, and request further support and resources as needed. Thank you for your support that allows us to find new ways to help more people heal.



## Open House

**Oct. 24 • 2 – 6pm**

We are excited to welcome you! Stop by for a chance to tour the residences and meet staff.

**1528 N 16th St.**

## READ ABOUT NEW SERVICES AND LONGTIME FRIENDS WHO ARE HELPING US BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER.

# SUMMER NEEDS

*Please help us keep our area's most vulnerable safe as the summer heat intensifies.*

Summer is a dangerous time for individuals experiencing homelessness. As temperatures rise, please consider helping us meet urgent needs by donating the items below.

- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Bottled water
- Financial contributions to help us operate our cooling center

Contact Silvia Rodriguez at [srodriguez@sienafrancis.org](mailto:srodriguez@sienafrancis.org) or 402-341-1821, ext 3707, for more information.



# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Siena Francis House volunteers are a special group. We recently recognized a handful of outstanding people who go the extra mile every day.

## GREATER OMAHA PACKING Group Volunteer of the Year



A community fixture since 1920, Greater Omaha Packing's uncompromising commitment to quality is common knowledge. What may be lesser known, but as equally impressive, is its commitment to serve. Last year, a group of employees began volunteering during lunch service. Since then, their support has only grown. They have become a group we know we can rely on, no matter the task. We are honored to present Greater Omaha Packing with the Group Volunteer of the Year award. Thank you for all your team does!

## DEB SEWELL Individual Volunteer of the Year



Since her first shift in January 2022, Deb Sewell has logged more than 550 hours. We cannot help but feel she is part of our organization. We love seeing Deb walk into the kitchen, always ready to help, always knowing where she's needed most. But that is only half of it. Deb regularly helps the Craft Ladies on Thursday mornings, and she created a library (that she keeps stocked!) for shelter guests. Because of her commitment to our mission—and the love and kindness she exudes—we are honored to recognize Deb as the Individual Volunteer of the Year. Thank you, Deb!

## AMY NELSON Volunteer Leader of the Year Hall of Fame



Amy Nelson is a Siena Francis House advocate in every sense of the word. As an Associate Professor of Fine Art and the Director of the Scheerer Scholars in Arts program at Creighton University, Amy has supported us in countless ways through the years. With her students' help, she leads our guests in fun arts activities like coloring, ceramics, collaging, and even creating a chalk mural in conjunction with the Miracles Program as part of a suicide prevention campaign. For eight years, Amy has also organized the biannual Empty Bowl fundraiser benefitting Siena Francis House. Thank you for all you do, Amy! We are honored to present you with the Volunteer Leader of the Year award and to induct you into our Volunteer Hall of Fame.

## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Siena Francis House is always in need of volunteers. If you or your company are looking for a way to give back, we'd love to have you! Contact Jeri Janz at [jjanz@sienafrancis.org](mailto:jjanz@sienafrancis.org) or 402-341-1821, ext 1113, for more information.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

In 2022, we saw promising trends across programs. We are delighted to share a few key findings with you. Thank you for helping Siena Francis House serve the different needs of our area's most vulnerable.



### EMERGENCY SHELTER

37% of the 2,522 people served by the Emergency Shelter were chronically homeless, reflecting our efforts to reach more people in serious need.



### CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Our case managers served 2,906 individuals in 2022—a 13% increase from 2021. Of those assisted, there was a 14% drop in individuals returning to homelessness.



### MEAL PROGRAM

We served an average of 1,086 daily meals.



### SIENA APARTMENTS

The average lease term for Siena Apartment tenants was 3.3 years with an 81% retention rate



### MIRACLES ADDICTION TREATMENT & RECOVERY PROGRAM

85% of individuals in Miracles entered housing once they left the program.



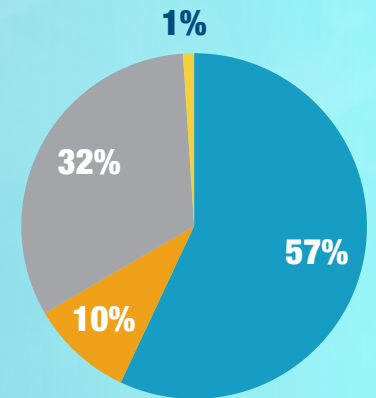
### STREET OUTREACH

The Street Outreach Program helped 74% of those served secure temporary or permanent housing

## 2022 FINANCIALS

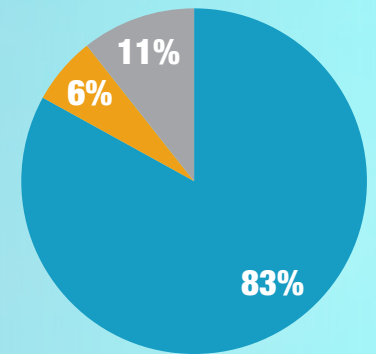
### Revenue

- Contributions and other grants **\$5,782,713**
- Government grants **\$976,560**
- Non-cash donations **\$3,284,453**
- Other revenue **\$105,031**



### Expenses

- Program services **\$10,694,456**
- Management and general **\$815,317**
- Fundraising **\$1,371,787**



## 2022 MILESTONES & VICTORIES

Thanks to the generous support of friends like you, Siena Francis House celebrated some exciting milestones and especially good news in 2022.

- On April 3, we broke ground on the Cottages, a development that will provide affordable, sustainable, safe, and dignified housing to people experiencing homelessness
- The Medical Respite Program launched on August 2, offering safe and supportive shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness following a hospital stay or medical incident
- 1,880 individuals volunteered, performing 10,258 hours of service, which is equal to \$326,204 in assistance

