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BUILDING SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

Help, Healing & Hope for Women & Families in Crisis



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Dear Ministry Partners,

I'm going to tell you a secret. The most beautiful gardens in the world have weeds. Some gardeners pull their weeds, some cut the tops off them and leave the roots and some even go as far as to euthanize them with weed killer and put the little buggers out of their misery. There's no way around it, there will always be weeds in the garden but with diligence they can be dealt with so that the flowers will become all they were designed to be beautiful, healthy and fruitful.

In some gardens, however, the weeds have taken over and the only hope for the flower is to dig it up from it's bed, get the roots free from the weeds, move it to another location, and add some much needed nutrients so the plant can get the energy it needs to recover.

Just like these devastated plants, our clients at the Five Sisters Project have been overcome by the weeds in their life. The circumstances of abuse and neglect, the lack of healthy support systems and spiritual malnourishment are some of the things that make it necessary to uproot and replant.

Each client we serve is a unique and beautiful creation with challenging needs. We offer help by providing resources and referrals, healing by leading clients into practicing the freedom of a life in Christ, and hope by teaching clients about pursuing their purpose. In this way, we present our clients an opportunity to make a fresh start and become all they were designed to be.

As we begin our fifth year, we look to future ways we can continue to develop our team of volunteers, educate and get connected in our community and best serve our clients.

We are grateful for you and to the Lord for your faithful support which has made it possible to do the work to Build Something Beautiful in Southern Minnesota.

BLESSINGS.

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FIVE SISTER'S PROJECT MISSION

To meet the spiritual and physical needs of women & their families by providing temporary, safe housing for women in extreme danger and walking with them into spiritual healing.

Core Values







Integrity ,



Discipleship

VISION 2021

SHALOM

MEANING TO BE SAFE IN MIND, BODY,
OR ESTATE. SHALOM SPEAKS OF
COMPLETENESS, FULLNESS, OR A TYPE
OF WHOLENESS THAT ENCOURAGES
YOU TO GIVE BACK — TO BE GENEROUS.
OUR VISION IS TO LIVE AND TO TEACH
OTHERS TO LIVE A LIFE OF SHALOM.
"FOR WITH THE SAME MEASURE THAT
YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED BACK
TO YOU." LUKE 6:38B

MEET OUR TEAM

THE AWESOME PEOPLE BEHIND THIS PROJECT



JAMES
MUHLENBECK
VICE PRESIDENT



MARGE KUETHE



DAWN
BUSCHOW
SECRETARY



BILL SCHUSTER BOARD MEMBER

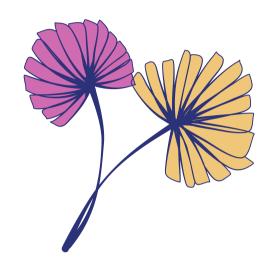


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Help

WE HELP BY PROVIDING RESOURCES TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN CRISIS



WE PROMOTE HEALING BY HELPING
CLIENTS PRACTICE FREEDOM
THROUGH COUNSELING, PLANNING
FOR THE FUTURE, AND BUILDING
COMMUNITY

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Hope

WE CAST A VISION FOR A HOPE AND A FUTURE BY HELPING CLIENTS PURSUE THEIR PURPOSE LEARNING THE WAYS THEY ARE UNIQUELY GIFTED, AND DESIGNED.

LILY HOUSE LOFT STYLE EMERGENCY HOUSING UNTIL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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APARTMENT STYLE SAFE HOUSING

FOR WOMEN TO STAY FOR UP TO

THREE MONTHS. THIS PROGRAM

INCLUDES ONE-ON-ONE COACHING,

RENTAL AND JOB SEARCH

ASSISTANCE, AND LIFE SKILLS

CLASSES.

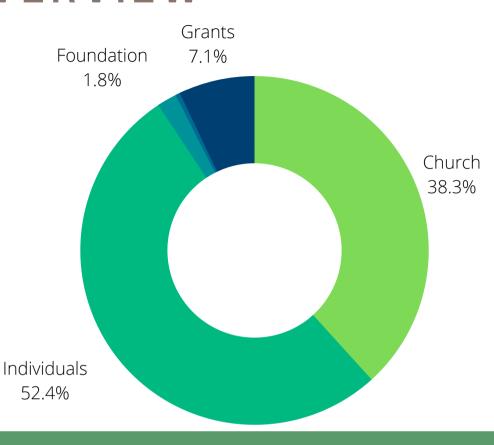
Housing



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

"FOR EVERY BEAST OF THE FOREST IS MINE, THE CATTLE ON A THOUSAND HILLS." -PSALM 50:10

TOTAL REVENUE: \$68,822.25



2020 EXPENSES

 PROGRAM
 \$8,451.42

 UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE
 \$4,335.24

 PAYROLL
 \$23,636.84

 ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE EQUIPEMENT
 \$3,708.42

 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION
 \$40,676.02



OUR 2020 GOALS

What we have accomplished:



Complete Phase 2 Housing Project

The apartment style safe housing called the Dandelion House was completed in 2020 and opened up January 2021.





Recruit and Train a Care Team

Due to COVID-19 this has been a difficult task. The safety of our team members, volunteers and clients is our highest priority. We continued to serve our clients to the best of our ability. We know the Lord is faithful and we are slowly beginning to re-build our team!





Expand our Network of Partners

We continually connect with other organizations to expand our network to best meet the needs of our clients. This past year we received an amazing donation for our education room from Options for Women helping us with our goal to offer Life Skills Training to our clients.

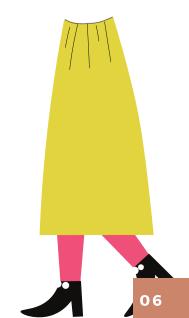




Launch of Monthly Women's Support Group

Our goal for a monthly group called Soul Sisters did not happen due to the challenges in our volunteer pool.

This group would meet regularly to offer connection and support. We also hope to bring awareness to the need for resources for women and families in crisis and engage those who need to be involved. Reach out if this is something you would like to be involved in!



OUR 2021 GOALS Our next steps towards growth:



Operate Housing at Full Capacity

In January 2021, we were blessed to open our housing. Our goal for 2021 is to build a team of staff and volunteers to meet our clients' needs and get our housing functioning at full capacity.





Rebuild Volunteer Network

We are at work on ways to engage those who are passionate and invested in our mission. As restrictions lift and people feel more comfortable serving, we will be able to expand our ability to meet the needs of those who will reside in our housing as well as those non-residential clients who seek our services.





Soul Sisters Outreach

We hope to re-launch this great women's group by September 2021. We hope to encourage the growth of supportive relationships. If you are interested in being a part of the launch team, contact us today!



Program Expansion

We are looking forward to a time we can get back to having community education events, speaking for groups and hosting "friendraiser" fundraisers. We believe this is a vital part of our mission to bring awareness to the issues facing our communities and help equip them to deal with families in crisis.





IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED



A BIG PROJECT INVOLVES A LOT OF MOVING PARTS, WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

Join the team as a volunteer or donor.

FOR EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN VARIOUS FORMS

1 PETER 4:10

Visit our website www.fivesistersproject.com and become a participating partner today!

