

## Dakota Woodlands Programs

### Providing for Basic Needs

Homeless families are like any other family in that often the head of household is so consumed with worry about the basics that they can't address the larger, looming issues. Dakota Woodlands ensures that all their basic needs are met: culturally sensitive and nutritious meals, warm private bedrooms, and clothing. Residents take part in providing for their needs by participating in daily activities such as kitchen chores, housekeeping duties, and doing their own laundry. By responsibly participating in these activities they learn homemaking skills and earn points that they can spend in the shelter's "store". The store has household items such as pots and pans, dishes, linens, storage items, and even toys for their children.

### Supporting healthy lifestyles

It is impossible to quantify the value of an encouraging word, but even a complement on a child's school success, cleanliness or for the meal just prepared can create confidence and self-worth. Dakota Woodlands has the advantage of being with residents every day, becoming a family that cares about them. This also requires "tough love", residents must fulfill program requirements: attend various educational opportunities, such as financial literacy instruction, parenting classes, responsible renter course, and healthy lifestyle instruction. They need to meet with their children's teachers and make sure that they tend to their children's needs. Dakota Woodlands provides childcare to make it easier for them to fulfill the social and educational requirements of the program. Dakota Woodlands also offers to fund their GED instruction should they choose to pursue it, even after they leave the shelter.

### A Home of their own

When a family leaves the shelter, Dakota Woodlands makes every attempt to keep in contact with them, introduce them to community connections that will continue to assist them in their recovery, and including them in family activities such as picnics, community arts, and school functions. Dakota Woodlands provides transportation and admission fees for these activities.

### What we do

At any given time, we shelter 22 families. Each family has distinctive circumstances, needs and issues related to homelessness. Over half of our families have not been homeless before, our goal is to ensure they are never homeless again.

In 2010:

- Housed 116 women/families (244 individuals)
- 86% of households moved into stable housing
- 65% of individuals were single women with children
- 57% of individuals came to the shelter from friends or families homes
- 96% of individuals last permanent address was in Minnesota

### A Letter from a Former Resident

I moved into Dakota Woodlands with my 6 week old son Andrew after completing a rehabilitation program for alcohol abuse and I had no place to live. I was terrified to have my family stay at a homeless shelter, I pictured a dirty and unsafe place with cots on the floor. From the moment I walked into Dakota Woodlands I knew I had been wrong. It was a warm, clean, safe, and welcoming space.

During my 8 month stay at Dakota Woodlands I took advantage of as many of the programs I could. I loved the parenting classes, stress relief & relaxation classes, and family activities. There was always someone around to help me with Andrew while I was taking classes, doing chores, or attending meetings. The support I received from staff and other residents was amazing. I made many friends at Dakota Woodlands. Overall, during my stay I worked really hard on achieving goals and making plans, but we had a lot of fun too.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew and I were able to move into our new home. I am proud of our new home and excited to see what our future brings. I am attending ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) classes with Andrew, searching for employment, and recently started attending a local church. We still receive help from Dakota Woodlands. The follow-up coordinator, Heather, contacts me on a regular basis to make sure we are doing ok. I hope to give back to others in our community and would love to start volunteering.

Sincerely,  
Leah

Support & Revenue	Total Revenue
Grants & donations	\$412,637
Government programs	679,803
Fundraising events	87,770
In-kind contributions	64,068
Interest Income	3,722
Miscellaneous	7,488
Unrealized gain (loss)	(619)
<b>Total Support &amp; Rev</b>	<b>\$1,254,869</b>

**Of our expenses:**  
**77% were program expenses**  
**23% were administration**  
**and fundraising expenses**

*It is recommended by the Charity Review Council that a standard of at least 65% of an organization's expenses should go to direct program activity and not more than 35% for administration and fundraising combined.*

Expenses	Total Expenses	Program	Mgmt & General	Fund-raising
Salaries	\$643,275	\$464,810	\$112,451	\$66,014
Payroll taxes	53,156	38,350	9,329	5,477
Employee benefits	124,033	87,365	23,104	13,564
Professional services	7,339	-	7,339	-
Staff development	676	608	34	34
Mileage expense	2,310	2,166	72	72
Program food & supplies	53,114	52,217	897	-
In-kind program needs	64,068	64,068	-	-
Dues & subscriptions	2,279	2,279	-	-
Advertising	166	149	-	17
Building & maintenance	18,259	17,346	913	-
Equipment rental	6,733	6,396	337	-
Printing & copying	3,460	1,730	692	1,038
Postage	3,573	1,786	1,072	715
Utilities	38,022	36,121	1,901	-
Telephone	8,475	8,051	424	-
Insurance	21,322	19,190	2,132	-
Fundraising events	12,997	-	-	12,997
Depreciation & amort	106,335	95,998	10,337	-
Interest expense	6,659	6,326	333	-
Miscellaneous	933	895	38	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,177,184</b>	<b>\$905,851</b>	<b>\$171,405</b>	<b>\$99,928</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$77,685</b>			

*From the 2010 Audited Statement of Activities and Statement of Functional Expenses*

## Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you our 2010 Annual Report. In this report you will meet Leah, a former Dakota Woodlands resident who is working arduously to make a home for herself and her son Andrew. While Leah's complications are unique to her, they are not unlike the barriers most of our women face. It is because of your support and friendship that our women can realize their dreams of attaining stable housing for their families. We value that support and your commitment to Dakota Woodlands, thank you.

*Beth Broman*

Beth Broman, Executive Director

*Arch Mrkvicka*

Arch Mrkvicka, Board President



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*Empowering homeless women to create stable futures for their families*

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