

SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE

A ministry sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

Spring 2018

REFLECTIONS RIPPLES REALITIES

Signs of new life! Spring is about signs of new life. Tulips, forsythia, red bud trees blooming, body joints warming up after a hard, cold winter. Walking around Sojourner Truth House, it isn't hard to find evidence of new life everywhere—babies babbling, toddlers learning to walk and talk, women finding housing and needed services, addicts working on recovery, strengths and gifts being discovered by clients, staff and volunteers alike, in themselves and in each other. And, if that's not enough, consider the new folks coming for Coffee & Conversation each month, interested in finding ways to assist this challenging yet rewarding work whether volunteering or helping financially. New staff fitting right into the ways of this ministry, long-time volunteers buying \$100 or so of personal hygiene items at break because the pantry ran out in the morning session of service—all this speaks of committed vitality. While walking, new life shows up in a meeting with a potential partner who could make our efforts stronger; interns scurrying back and forth being the extra hands and hearts for our case managers; maintenance, kitchen and front desk staff making everyone feel welcome in a beautiful, clean space; pantry workers stocking shelves and patiently sorting clothes. As I think about it, it's spring every day around STH if you look for it. Small glimpses of growth and human community happening makes this place a hopeful place, a transformative place, a space where lives can flower in the discovery of their own beauty. I know that I feel the wonderful energy of spring here and I pray each day that the women, children and men whom we serve feel it, too. May those of you who support us in any way know how much we rely on your generosity and how much we appreciate your efforts. If you need a little spring energy, come join us for a Coffee & Conversation one of these months. Sign up for our eNews. Be a part of growing new life here at STH!



Sister Peg Spindler, CSA
Sojourner Truth House Executive Director



(top) Children performing at the annual STH Christmas program.

(bottom) Sr. Peg announces the total raised at the 2017 Walk for STH.

SAVE THE DATE



19th Annual Walk for STH
Saturday, June 9, 2018
Registration 8AM
Walk 9AM

Registration begins March 15 at WALKFORSTH.ORG

CLIENT'S CORNER — Positive Feedback for STH

I'm in a stable home and it feels wonderful! I don't know where I would be without Sojourner Truth House.

—Former homeless client and new resident of Village of Hope

I'm able to bask in the warmth and love...to them, it's not just a noun but an action word! STH allows staff and volunteers to carry out their faith and bless all of the clients here.

—TOPPs Client

For more information or to make a donation, visit our website at www.sojournertruthhouse.org



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sojourner Truth House is a ministry of hope and help for homeless and at-risk women and their children sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Through hospitality, advocacy, integrative services and collaboration, participants improve their quality of life and that of the community in a safe, trusting environment.

Our core values flow from joyful service to all, especially the needy and under-served. These values are Openness to the Spirit, Community, Simplicity, and Dignity and Respect for all. These are the shared values of all Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ ministries. Sojourner Truth House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; donations are tax deductible.

A DONOR'S STORY — SHARON AND DENNIS KENNING



The world is filled with "power couples" who make news when they travel or perform. And our world is blessed by the power couple of Sharon and Dennis Kenning.

Sharon and Dennis came to Sojourner Truth House to support the walk three years ago. Since then they have helped the ministry in many ways, including painting, helping with the 2016 Ministry Transformation, staging Christmas gifts in Santa's store and volunteering regularly.

Recently their generosity reached a new level, thanks to a drawing they won at church. Sharon says "we are blessed enough and wanted to pass it along, so shopping for items to fill the shelves at STH seemed like the natural thing to do." Their donation included various toiletries items, feminine products and underwear, helping families who might not have money to obtain these basic household necessities.

For a list of current needs, which includes canned goods, toiletries, housewares and home furnishings, visit our website at www.sojournertruthhouse.org.

If you would like more information on how you can join Sharon and Dennis in making a difference by donating or volunteering, please contact us at (219) 885-2282 or visit our website at www.sojournertruthhouse.org.

Thank you for your support!

