

## Resident Eligibility

Residents of Stephen's House will be required to stay a minimum of six months and may be eligible to stay up to a year. The staff and leadership will make that determination on an individual basis.

All residents will be required, upon the completion of a probationary period, to obtain full-time employment. They will pay a portion of their housing expenses, which will be explained to them in detail prior to placement.

All residents will be required to attend regular church services and other activities, as directed by the staff. There are weekly house meetings, and individual counseling may also be recommended by staff.

Residents will learn to serve others and give of themselves through volunteer work in a variety of settings. They will develop financial management skills by learning personal budgeting, tithing, and savings.

## Application Process

To apply for placement in the Stephen's House, please contact First Assembly to request an application. Submit the completed application and all requested documents to First Assembly, attention Stephen's House, via US mail (contact information included on back).

House staff will contact you regarding placement within 10 days of submission.

## Yankton First Assembly of God

Stephen's  
House



**Changing the direction  
of men's lives...  
one heart at a time.**

***"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new  
creation...The old has gone, the new  
has come."  
II Corinthians 5:17***

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## Stephen's House

Stephen's House is a re-entry ministry for men; typically those that are coming out of prison. We know that through Christ, there is hope, help for hurting people, and freedom from addiction. The purpose of re-entry is to assist men in making the transition from a highly disciplined environment, in which they had little control, back into a community, where they will be required to discipline themselves. Men are individually disciplined and taught how to develop new patterns of thinking and healthy ways to respond to the trials of real life.

This process is accomplished through a variety of methods. It includes working a full-time job outside of Stephen's House, consistent involvement in church, learning the principals of financial integrity, and taking personal responsibility.



## The Vision

This ministry was first birthed in the heart of Pastor Jeff Mantz. When Yankton First Assembly was preparing to build a new facility, Pastor Jeff met with a man who was considering donating a piece of land for the building. This man's son, Stephen, had died of acute alcoholism. He told Pastor Jeff that if just one person was helped and did not have to suffer as his son had, that the donation of the property would be "worth every penny". That property is now the home of Yankton First Assembly of God.



That vision became reality when Stephen's house opened in January 2005. God has opened doors and Stephen's House has had more than a dozen residents. Jeff Schreder, former resident and current Resident Director, says, *"the ministry of Stephen's House showed me the power of God's love and forgiveness. He restored my relationships with my family, brought me to a church who loved me without holding my past against me, and helped me see the need for self discipline and accountability through my relationship with Jesus Christ...I'm becoming the man God intended me to be."*

Churches of all denominations and individuals from many walks of life support these ministries. Many treatment facilities exclude those who need these services by being cost prohibitive, or the cost is passed on to taxpayers. Stephen's House is a privately funded organization that offers its services to residents without receiving government funding.

## Happening Today

In May 2009, the Stephen's House made a move to a location inside Yankton's city limits. This move enables residents to be closer to employment and church activities. The house will be an ideal location for the Stephen's House, but is in need of some remodeling and updating.



We welcome volunteer laborers who would like to help with the remodeling project, as well as donations of materials or other supplies.

Please partner with us in prayer to ask for God's provision and blessing for the ministry and staff of Stephen's House.

If you know a man in need of support to reclaim his life from addiction or other dangerous patterns, contact the Stephen's House today.