



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

LIFE HOUSE
Duluth

2018 VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Every spring, Life House holds the Celebration of Success fundraising event. This event honors youth who have made significant progress on their personal goals, ranging from completing their GED to maintaining sobriety to keeping employment. One youth is selected to give a short speech to the 250 community members who attend. Below are words from this year's honoree.

I never thought I'd come this far. When I first came to Life House I was homeless, broke and hopeless. The moment I walked through the door, hope hit me like a smack to the face in the form of staff that welcomed me with open arms. Within a month, they helped me get a place of my own and that began my start to a new life. Within a year, I decided to go to college at LSC. I'm proud to say that I have been surprisingly on the Dean's list twice. I am also proud to say I just finished my fifth semester, but I still have a long way to go. I couldn't have done it without the support and guidance of Life House. They gave me hope when I thought I had none, they became much more than staff, they became what I call my second family.

Without them, I don't know where I would be at this very moment. Which brings me to my final take away. A poem that I wrote not too long ago titled: "STAY OR GO?" that I thought unintentionally fit this moment perfectly.

STAY OR GO?

"Stay or go?"

That question pops into my head whenever I look at anyone I care about.

I often find myself picturing a day where I'd either be sobbing uncontrollably while I stare at their back as they walk away in the opposite direction or I find myself picturing a day where I'm laughing hysterically while we drive down the street with the music blasting so loudly it almost drowns out the sheer amount of happiness that wants to burst out of my chest when I stare at the person that chose to stay by my side throughout the years.

But then there are days when I get home and stare into the mirror and ask myself the same question:

"Stay or go?"

I often find myself picturing that some day I'd either be sobbing uncontrollably while I stare down at my cut filled arms, bleeding; or I'd find myself picturing that some day I'd be sitting in a rocking chair, smiling with the thought that I've made it to the point in my life where my hair is grey, my skin is wrinkled, but my spirit isn't broken and that I chose to stay all those years ago.

For those of you that think of this same question, "Should I stay or should I go?" Do I have what it takes to succeed?" Choose to stay and never give up on your dreams because one day you'll say the same thing I did, I never thought I'd come this far.

-2018 Celebration of Success Valedictorian

2018 NUMBERS

843 Youth Reached Through All Programs

12,092 Meals Served in the Youth Center

1277 Visits to the Free Store

427 Youth Center Groups, Classes & Activities

55 Youth Resided in Life House Housing Program

74 Placed in Affordable Housing in the Community

11 Youth Stayed at Sol House for Trafficking Survivors for 826 Bednights

24 Youth Stayed at The Loft Teen Emergency Shelter for 1501 Bednights

106 Youth Provided Mental Health Counseling and 39 Received Drug Counseling

20 Active in "Sober Life" Sobriety Support Group

118 Youth Received Academic Support

10 Completed High School, GED, or a Post-Secondary Degree

94 Youth Received Employment Support

29 Youth Received an Average of 45 Hours of Paid Job Training in the Legitimate Hustle Program

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EXPENSE

Futures	\$219,983	10%
Housing	\$1,118,421	53%
Youth Center	\$234,528	11%
Wellness	\$252,052	12%
Management/General	\$257,310	12%
Fundraising	\$15,587	1%
Total	<u>\$2,097,881</u>	

REVENUE

Contributions	\$271,945	11%
Foundation Grants	\$661,638	27%
Government Grants	\$1,286,739	53%
Fundraising Events	\$58,201	2%
Program Revenue	\$160,956	7%
Other	\$7,528	0%
Total	<u>\$2,447,007</u>	

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Life House was honored with the Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Award. The awards recognize excellence among human services providers, counties, tribes, advocacy groups and other organizations that work in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to help people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential.



Executive Director Maude Dornfeld was recognized during The Woman Today Magazine's Rosie Awards Celebration with the Leadership Award.



Program Director Erich Lutz was recognized with the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless's Congressman Bruce Vento Distinguished Service Award in recognition of the efforts of an outstanding individual who provides services and housing to people in need.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS



Life House was a site for the Wilder Foundation's Minnesota Homeless Study. This point-in-time survey occurs every three years and assesses statewide homeless trends.



Minnesota Power hosted a barbecue in our parking lot. Eventually this space will be come a fenced in recreation area for youth.



The Legitimate Hustle Program sold candles at many community events, including Duluth GLBT Pride Fest in Bayfront Park.



The 2018 Prom theme was Masquerade. All of the youth had a blast!



In partnership with Positive Energy Outdoors, youth were able to try kayaking on Fredenberg Lake.



The Life House staff pose before opening the doors to the annual Holiday Party. Thanks to generous supporters, we were able to distribute gifts to more than 100 youth and young families.