



HOSPITALITY HOUSE

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BRRR! Gone Ice Fishin'!

Program Manager Ashley Von Ruden took a well-deserved vacation earlier this month when she and her husband went ice fishing for five days at Devil's Lake in North Dakota where they caught 63 fish. She said it was good to get away and they had a great time but enjoyed hearing guests telling her they had missed her.

Looks like a fish fry is coming at the Von Rudens!



Open Executive Director Position

First, please know Ashley Von Ruden is not leaving Hospitality House! One person simply cannot complete all the work that needs to be done, so we continue our search for an Executive Director.

Details and an application can be found on our website:

hospitalityhouseofowatonna.org/employment

Please share this information with individuals who may be interested or contact us to let us know of potential candidates.



ASK EVENT

Results To Date

We are so pleased and thankful to tell you we are at approximately 80% of our \$90,000 goal! While we welcome continued donations throughout the year, we decided to extend the official end of the ASK Event to the end of this month. Our deep appreciation goes to the individuals and businesses who have contributed not only during the ASK Event but all-year long, whether in the form of a financial gift or through your time and attention to the guests of Hospitality House.



DONATE TODAY



SCAN TO GIVE

PAST BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

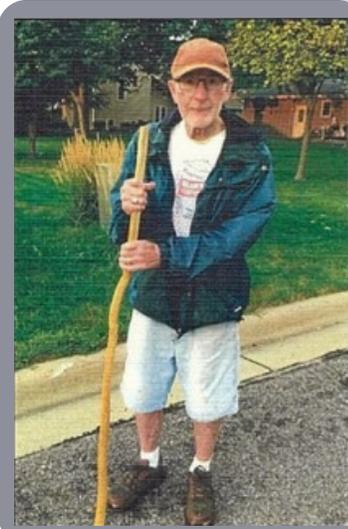


Honoring A Past Board Member and Volunteer | The Late Dr. Jerome “Jerry” Zetah by Robin Frette

This month we pay tribute to the late Dr. Jerome “Jerry” Zetah, a long-time valued Hospitality House volunteer who passed away March 10, 2022 at age 88. A life-long student, his vocations served others including his early role as a Catholic Priest, his 20-year position as a Psychologist at the Owatonna School District, his 20 years as Director of the Family Living Center and his work as part-time therapist at the South Central Human Relations Center.

Jerry cared deeply about the guests of Hospitality House. He was an original member of the Hospitality House Board of Directors and spent many volunteer hours at the House working with and helping the men find insights and develop skills needed to move forward in life. His widow, Carol, speaks fondly of his time at the house and its importance to him. *“He enjoyed every minute that he spent there and sometimes I was amazed that after a long day of work he would go there and be so personable and so focused. I know he thoroughly enjoyed it.”*

His time and connection inspired Carol to indicate a preference for memorials to be directed to Hospitality House, which, with Carol’s contribution, created a \$5,000 remembrance. We are grateful for their generosity.



The Walking Stick

If each of us is called to be a father who walks with others, then each of us is called to use a walking stick not as a weapon but as a sign of being a servant.

Imagine what would be if the men of the hierarchy carried a walking stick instead of a jeweled crozier.

The walking stick could be an invitation to walk to walk humbly, to serve humbly and not in a stance of superiority and power. This walking stick cannot be purchased at a sports shop nor at a religious gift shop.

This walking stick needs to be handmade as simple as possible with no ornaments.

This walking stick is the message just by being what it is and needing no explanation.

Why not have each person in training to be clergy (and others) create a personal walking stick to be a daily reminder to walk as a *servant* and not as a savior.

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