

# Connecting Points



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LaVonne Fosness

Then Moses said to Him, "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from there. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us?" God has certainly been with us at Family Connection. We have seen the goodness of the Lord repeatedly as we carry out the mission the Lord has called us to do. Our mission is directed to family members who have a loved one incarcerated. In May of this year, we will celebrate the fifth year in which Family Connection has had opportunity to fulfill the larger portion of Matthew 25:31-40. We have experienced the joy of providing temporary shelter, food, emergency clothing, spiritual support and encouragement, prison visitation regulations and community services support for the purpose of facilitating visitation in an effort to "keep families together, while they are apart."

These services would not be possible without the faithful support of many donors giving of their resources, time and talent. We are thankful for you, but even more important, the Lord delights in you, because you have ultimately given into Him. The families we serve are deeply grateful to you. Please note the articles inside.

I have been awed by the numerous servants that have appeared to assist and come along side of us in our ministry. I'm going to call them "angels." I'm reminded of Hebrews 1:14 that says, "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" Angels are spiritual beings created by God early in creation. They have many duties: (a) to praise and worship God; (b) to bring messages from God to mankind; (c) to provide for God's people; (d) to protect God's people; (e) to carry out God's will; and (f) to punish God's enemies.

It would be impossible for me to mention every kindness and gift extended to us by our "angels" sent to provide for God's people. Without mentioning specific names I would like to share a few blessings received in the past few months. I dedicate this newsletter to our precious donors and volunteer "angels." This Christmas we were the recipient of "angel" tree gifts. Several churches and organizations delivered to us the majority of items from our wish list. Donors gave toys and clothing items which we were able to distribute to children whose parent is incarcerated. Staff and

guests alike continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity. For several years we have needed a snow blower. Our desire was fulfilled. (It's been a good year for a snow blower!) Speaking of snow, we were also blessed by a first time volunteer to remove the snow from our parking lot after one of the heavy snowfalls. Other "angels" have appeared to help us with staples and household needs of the house, computer needs, installation of a ceiling fan, needed repairs, assistance with much needed insulation, as well as meals and treats for our guests. We have had many "angels" who have appeared in a variety of ways including our board of directors who take an active role in fulfilling our mission.

One special "angel" I will mention by name is Angela. She is very visible to you. She has so graciously been volunteering her time and talent in designing and preparing this beautiful newsletter. But her efforts don't end there. She has also constructed a new display board and provided graphics for brochures. In addition, she also has a heart for encouraging our guests and has volunteered her time to meet with them and bake treats, too.

Family Connection has indeed been blessed as we have seen His presence manifested through the work of ministering spirits. We have seen the Glory of the Lord!

This year our board will be considering a large step of faith to accommodate a need which has been a part of our long term goal. Please pray with us that we would have the mind of Christ and the resources to carry out His plan. Our hope and desire is to expand our hospitality to include the male members of the families we serve. To date we have only been able to serve women and children. We have been limited by our facility due to space and privacy issues. We want to include all family members-fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, nephews and others.

If you have never given to Family Connection, would you consider a gift to help us with our ongoing needs or with our plans for expansion? You will be making an investment in the kingdom and the Lord will bless you in the process. God's word says that when we sow generously, we will also reap generously. Do you need a blessing in your life? Your blessing will be in direct proportion to your investment. God's word and promise says, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Corinthians 9:6-8

God bless you,  
LaVonne Fosness  
Executive Director



*"Do not forget to entertain strangers for by so doing, many have entertained angels unawares"*

*~Hebrews 13:2*

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# Board Points

By Ann Marie Rossing,

Family Connection Founder



Ann Marie Rossing

A few weeks ago in the midst of below zero temperatures and mountains of snow everywhere, I stopped by the Hospitality House. In the center of the dining room table was a modest, fresh bouquet of colorful flowers. I remember thinking that this was such a stark contrast between what lay outside and the hope of life, change, and spring that met my eye as I entered the house.

LaVonne Fosness, the Executive Director who is at the house during the daytime hours said the flowers were a gift from an inmate who was just that morning released from prison. The young man was from the Minneapolis area. He is in his early 20's, and he had his young wife and daughter with him. His wife had been a guest at the hospitality house a number of times in the last couple of years. She and her baby have felt the house a safe place where she was supported and cared for as she came into a community and a situation that would otherwise be very difficult and lonely. During her visits, she made friends with a couple of other families and staff who became a "family" for her here in Sioux Falls.

Even with the minimal financial resources they had, the first thing this young family did when he was released from prison was to come to the house to say, "thank you" to the staff and bring this gift of flowers.

LaVonne shared that the young man told her that even though these years were difficult, he would not have traded them for a moment. The time he spent in prison was a time he spent reevaluating his life and choices he had made in his young life. His time in prison turned him around. He added that his faith is stronger as well.

Knowing the care and support his wife received at the hospitality house from a group of people they did not even know, he was touched by the magnanimity of these people who live Christ in their compassionate care for others.

As this young man walked out of prison, he was afforded the opportunity for a fresh beginning with his family who waited so patiently for his release. That waiting was made a little easier because Family Connection provided an affordable, safe place for the wife and baby to stay each visit.

In March of 1994 when the vision for Family Connection Hospitality House became a reality in May 1996, our goal and hope was to "help keep families together while they are apart."

What an absolute joy to see how God has blessed this ministry and to see the dark, cold time of separation transformed into the beauty of new beginnings.

In the cold snowy month of March seven years ago the seed for this ministry was planted. In May of 1996, that seed sprouted and has been producing a magnificent array of wonderful gifts for the families and children we serve. May of this year, 2001, will also mark the five year anniversary of the opening of the Family Connection Hospitality House at 303 North Minnesota Avenue.

We have come a long way in these last seven years. None of the work we have done would have been possible without the prayers and support of those individuals, organizations, and churches who have supported us in our efforts to bring hope and dignity to the women, children and families we serve at the Family Connection Hospitality House. What we offer is a "ministry of presence," and a hope for the family to be reunited with the promise of a bright new future for the children, the families and the ones who are incarcerated. I had the privilege of seeing one such family come back together. I am sure this happens more than I have known about, but the spring flowers were a tangible presence of one such beautiful event.

I have been privileged to be used in bringing this hospitality house into reality. As the new Board of Directors works together to draw the hospitality house into another year of service to families, I leave the Board of Directors praying that this ministry will continue to grow and bring a hope for a brighter tomorrow for each person who enters into our house. May we never forget that each one we serve bears the image of Christ and that "what ever we have done for the least of these, we do it unto Him."

Thank you for serving with us.

Ann Marie Rossing,  
Family Connection Founder

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## In Loving Memory...

This newsletter publication, we pay tribute to Mildred Pulcar. Mildred was a godly woman whose memory will live on through the memorial given in her honor by Laurie Long.

Mildred Pulcar came to Sioux Falls in June 2000 from her home in Hawthorn, Wisconsin to visit her daughter, Muriel Larson, her husband Denny and family. As had happened during previous visits, Mildred experienced a medical crisis due to congestive heart failure. She was admitted to Avera McKennan Hospital in critical condition.

God was gracious and with the excellent medical care she received, Mildred was discharged from the hospital. However, she would not be able to return to Wisconsin to live alone.

For the next seven months she lived in Sioux Falls with Muriel and Denny. Avera McKennan Home Care and Hospice provided loving caregivers. Mildred was a

faithful child of God and active member of her Evangelical Free Church in Wisconsin. She never wavered in her trust in God's plan for her family and all who came to know her. She enjoyed the fellowship of new friends and worshipping at Central Baptist Church.

Following a 1996 visit to Sioux Falls, Mildred left the following message on Muriel's answering machine: "Arrived home safely. Good flying all the way. Met by family."

On January 11, 2001 God gently took Mildred home. We believe the message also describes this trip home.

## Wish List ~ Wish List ~ Wish List ~ Wish List

### Kitchen Items

Individually wrapped snack  
Juice - Individual and large size servings  
Sugar - Flour  
Coffeemate  
Chocolate chips  
Ziplock bags  
Dish soap  
Coffee

### Children's Connection

Small Lego toy kits  
Baby Doll  
Plastic Play Food  
Plastic Play Dishes  
Matchbox Cars

### Office Needs

Postage stamps  
Envelopes (size 4)  
Small fax machine  
Thank you cards

### Housewares

Size C, D, AA Batteries  
Laundry stain stick  
Laundry detergent  
Greenery  
Toilet Paper  
Tablecloth 40"x84"  
After shower spray (Tilex)

### Furnishings

Empty tool box with lock  
Carbon Monoxide detector  
Wall hangings

### Special Needs

Downspouts  
Wide gutters  
Insulation  
Storm windows and screens  
Lawnmower  
Nintendo 64 games  
Interior decorating expertise  
New children's toys  
Ice Melt  
Pickup load of black dirt

If you have any questions about the items listed, please contact LaVonne Fosness. We appreciate your caring and sharing with Family Connection House and the special guests that we serve. Your gifts help to provide a safe, comfortable place for our families. If you would rather we buy the item, please mail a check to Family

Connection designated for "Wish List" item of your choice. We can be reached at (605) 357-0777.

*We are grateful for volunteers and anyone with interior decorating expertise.*

### MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT:

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#### Please check the appropriate boxes for more information:

- I would like information about volunteering
- I would like a speaker for our group or service club
- I am interested in touring the house
- I am interested in serving on a Board or Committee

Please return this pledge card or place your donation in the envelope provided.

If there is an error in your mailing label or if you know of someone who would benefit from receiving our newsletter, please let us know!

# Donations/Grants

*Blessed are the givers...  
and grateful are the receivers*

## Monetary Gifts - Individual

Donald & Sarah Abbas  
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## Monetary Gifts - Organizations

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Badger Lutheran Church WELCA-Badger  
Beaver Valley WELCA-Valley Springs  
Bergen Lutheran Church WELCA-Bristol  
Best Business Products-Sioux Falls  
Calvary Lutheran Women-Irene  
Chapter BD P.E.O. Sisterhood-Sioux Falls  
Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, L.L.P.-Sioux Falls  
Delta Kappa Gamma Int'l-Sioux Falls  
Don Johnson & Assoc. Inc.-Fargo  
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East Side Lutheran Church-Elizabeth Circle-Sioux Falls  
Emmanuel Luth. Church India Circle-Groton  
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Faith WELCA-New Effington  
First Baptist Church-Sioux Falls  
First Lutheran Church Women-Mitchell  
First Lutheran Church Women-Sioux Falls  
First Lutheran Church-Sioux Falls  
First Lutheran WELCA-Britton  
First Presbyterian Church-Sioux Falls  
First United Meth. Church-Sioux Falls  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church-Sioux Falls  
Grace Luth. Church Hannah Circle-Sioux Falls  
Grace Lutheran Church WELCA-Parker  
Grace Lutheran Church-Sisseton  
Grand Valley WELCA-Canton  
Harry Weeks AID-Mitchell  
Hartford United Methodist Women-Hartford  
Highland Church Women-Brandt  
Hilltop United Meth. Church Women-Sioux Falls  
Hilltop United Meth. Church-Sioux Falls  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church-Sioux Falls  
Holy Spirit Church-Sioux Falls  
Hope Lutheran Church-Sioux Falls  
Hudson Lutheran Church Women-Hudson

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Canova  
Iroquois United Methodist Women-Iroquois  
Lake Campbell Lutheran Church-Volga  
Laureate Lambda Beta Sigma Phi-Sioux Falls  
Mid America Appraisal Service-Sioux Falls  
Minnehaha Sertoma Club-Sioux Falls  
New Hope WELCA-Hayti  
North Preston Lutheran Church-Lake Preston  
Oldham WELCA-Oldham  
Our Saviors Lutheran WELCA-Flandreau  
Our Saviors WELCA-Wessington Springs  
Renner Lutheran ELCW-Renner  
Roseni Lutheran Church WELCA-Alcester  
Royal River Casino-Flandreau  
Rustic Hills Community Church Women's Group-Sioux Falls  
Salem Em. Lutheran Church-Long Lake  
Salem Lutheran Church Women-Parkston  
SD Law Enforcement Charity-Sioux Falls  
SF Council of Auxiliaries-Sioux Falls  
SF Golden K Kiwanis-Sioux Falls  
Sioux Empire Home Economists-Sioux Falls  
Sioux Valley Energy-Colman  
Springdale Lutheran WELCA-Canton  
St. John's Lutheran Church-WELCA-Hosmer  
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St. Joseph WELCA-Rosholt  
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St. Paul WELCA-Clark  
St. Paul WELCA-Elk Point  
Tabor Lutheran Church Women-Strandburg  
Trinity Lutheran Church Women-Vermillion  
Trinity WELCA-Madison  
United Methodist Church-Montrose  
West Nidaros Church WELCA-Crooks  
West Prairie WELCA-Lennox  
Willow Creek WELCA-Dell Rapids  
Wilmot Lutheran ELCW-Wilmot  
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Jan Knudson  
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Helen McGuire  
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Ann Schellpfeffer  
Angela Smith  
Vern & Ronda Stensland  
Carol Yarrow

## Inkind Gifts - Organizations

All Souls Church Sunday School-Sioux Falls  
Ben Claire Rowena West Sunshine Club-Valley Springs  
Boy Scouts of America-Sioux Falls  
Calvary Lutheran Church-Irene  
Compro-Sioux Falls  
Cub Scouts Pack 52 Den 4-Sioux Falls  
Dakota Glass & Mirror-Sioux Falls  
De Smet Alliance Women-De Smet  
Disc Jockey #1945-Sioux Falls  
Grace Luth. Church Hannah Circle-Sioux Falls  
Harry Weeks Mission Org-Ethan  
Helping Hands-Sioux Falls  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church-Sioux Falls  
Holy Spirit Church-Sioux Falls  
Home Federal Savings Bank-Sioux Falls  
Joyce Meyer Ministries-Fenton, MO  
Laureate Lambda Beta Sigma Phi-Sioux Falls  
Lutheran Brotherhood-Sioux Falls  
New Hope Church-Sioux Falls  
Peace Lutheran Church Women-Sioux Falls  
Risen Savior Catholic Church-Brandon  
Royal River Casino-Flandreau  
Sioux Falls Cares-Sioux Falls  
St. Lamberts-Sioux Falls  
St. Michaels Parish-Sioux Falls  
St. Vincent de Paul Conference-Sioux Falls  
Stamps & Stuff-Sioux Falls  
West Nidaros Church-Crooks  
Zion Lutheran Church Needlers-Aberdeen  
Zion Lutheran Church-Garretson

## Grants

Elmen Family Foundation

## Memorials

Harriet Pederson Bray given by David Pedersen  
Mildred Pulcar given by Laurie Long

## Honorariums

Bea Freiseth, Shirley Ashworth and Sandy Holleman given by Boyd and Lorraine Steensland

## ATTENTION QUILTERS

Would your ladies group consider making a quilt as a fund raising project to be auctioned at an upcoming event? All proceeds would go to Family Connection. Please call LaVonne at 357-0777 or write

As we prepare our lists, we sincerely hope we did not inadvertently miss a donor or misspell your name, but if we did, please let us know so that we may be given an opportunity to acknowledge your gift.

# Hospitality Director's Points

By Jennifer Koepsell, Hospitality Director



Jennifer Koepsell

**W**e've had a wonderful holiday season here at Family Connection filled with several new faces and many celebrations. For Thanksgiving dinner one of our faithful volunteers, Cheryl, made the entire meal - from the mashed potatoes to the turkey filled with stuffing. (I contributed the bread.) We served 15 people and were covered by the KELO-Land news team for having such a busy house-

hold and for serving so many guests whom were separated from their families during the holiday season.

Winter brought a lot of snow and that translates into a lot of shoveling for me. In December we hosted a family from England whose two children had never seen snow. Every time I went outside to shovel, my new friend, Casey (age 4) would follow with his Fisher-Price snow shovel to help me out. Apparently snow shoveling is great fun, I just wonder what the passing drivers thought about us using little kids to help shovel.

On Christmas Eve I invited our guests to go along to Augustana Lutheran for their candlelight service before we

had Christmas dinner. One of our regular guests made chicken cacciatore for five families (I made the bread.) Since the families that we served that day were away from their loved ones we had our own family Christmas complete with presents for all the children that were there with their moms. Santa even brought me a plastic dinosaur and toy golf set that was quickly confiscated by the children. I'm planning on having my own little golf tournament for the kids this spring on my lawn so hopefully it will turn up before then.

In January we had a popcorn and movie party for New Years Eve for a couple of five-year-olds and their moms. They did manage to stay up to watch the ball drop, but not much longer than that. Later that month my friend, Matthew, four years old, and I converted a large cardboard box into a pirate ship (called the Jennifer-Matthew) complete with a gang plank, portholes and sail. This provided hours of fun while we sailed the open seas.

Valentine's Day marks my one-year anniversary of working at the Hospitality House. It has been an exciting and busy year and I'm looking forward to the challenges that the next year has in store.

Jennifer Koepsell  
Hospitality Director

## Welcome New Board Members



Monte Walz



Connie & Clancy Matsuda



Brian & Laurie Hansen

Welcome to our most recent Board Members! We are thankful for you and for your willingness to serve the Lord through Family Connection.

## Personal Points

*A Message from the Heart of a Guest*

*To all who make this home possible:*

**W**e would like to tell you just how much your kindness and hospitality means to families like ours. You make it possible for us to continue supporting, bringing love and encouragement to our loved ones that are incarcerated.

*This is a difficult time for all that are involved and the Family Connection presence makes it more bearable. God bless you! Thank you for giving us a safe place to stay, but mostly for letting us share some much needed love.*

*Truly thankful,*

Kim



## Need a Speaker?

**If your church or civic group desires a speaker, please contact us with your request.**

**Or, if you wish to view a videotaped walk-through of the Hospitality House, want printed information, or would like to hold a meeting or gathering at the house on Wednesdays or Thursdays, please call (605) 357-0777.**

## Children's Connection Points

*Welcome Kristi!*



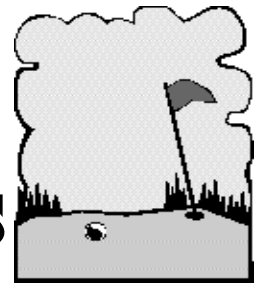
Kristi Miller

**W**e are pleased to welcome and introduce to you Kristi Miller.

Kristi will begin her work at Family Connection the first week of March. She will be directing the Children's Connection program. Kristi is a Child and Family Therapist and has had extensive experiences working with children in a number of settings. Kristi is a rural Sioux Falls resident, she

received her education at South Dakota State University in Brookings, is married to Jeff, has three children, Cole, age 15, Garet, age 13, Adrienne, age 10. We look forward to hearing from Kristi about the Children's Connection Program in the next newsletter.

**ATTENTION  
GOLF  
ENTHUSIASTS**

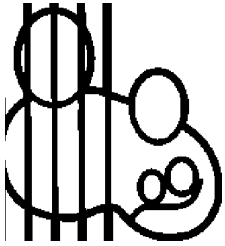


**Family Connection** is in the process of making plans for a **GOLF MARATHON** to be held this summer as a benefit for our mission. We are looking for people who love to play

If or who would like to volunteer to help with the event. Please call

LaVonne at  
357-0777 for details.





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*When things are going our way, it is sometimes difficult to turn our thoughts to God. And to make matters worse, we begin to confuse our sense of well-being with spirituality. But adversity causes us to loosen our grip on the things that are of little value and cling tightly to the One we know can deliver us. Adversity removes the cloak of “what we are supposed to be” to reveal the truth of what we are.*

*~Charles Stanley*



*“Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your Word.  
~ Psalm 119:67*

