

St. Anne's



A Tradition of Care



Our History

Since the mid-1940s, St. Anne's has been offering a caring home for those in need in eastern North Dakota. It all started in November of 1944, when a home was opened in Fargo by the Catholic Welfare Bureau (now Catholic Charities). Nine months later, the Franciscan Sisters from Hankinson, ND, took over the house, serving homeless men who had been accustomed to "riding the rails" from place to place, but whose health no longer allowed them to maintain this lifestyle.

In the early years, the Sisters served twelve such men, whom they named their "twelve apostles." The home was called "St. Anne's Guest Home," as the men who resided there were looked after with dignity and respect, treated as guests.

In the early 1950s, there was a definite need for such a home for the needy elderly. However, the Fargo location was only large enough to house twenty men. Thus it was that Bishop Dworschak urged the Franciscan Sisters to relocate.

In Grand Forks, the St. Michael's Hospital building, located along the Red River, was no longer adequate to serve as a hospital. Despite lack of Sisters and financial need, the bishop urged the superior, Mother Imtrudis to purchase the building, promising assistance from the diocese in the project. Thus it was that, on August 20, 1952, the Sisters purchased the old hospital.

The first weeks there were difficult. Sisters, accompanied by their priest, brought up supplies to the new home from Hankinson. After days of cleaning, they were prepared and started receiving “guests” from the area. Later that year, the twelve men from Fargo were transferred up to the new “St. Anne’s” in Grand Forks. The number of people at the home increased over time, even up to 120 residents.

By 1978, however, the building was no longer up to fire codes. The Sisters were faced with the decision of closing the mission or moving to a new location once again. The latter option was chosen, and renovations were undertaken at the former convent of the Sisters of St Joseph, who had been serving in Catholic Schools in the area. An additional wing was added to the building to provide subsidized housing. In 1981, the move was made to the current location of St. Anne’s.

Who We Serve...

Our Home continues to serve elderly and disabled individuals from various backgrounds. Many of these people have little or no family involvement. The Sisters and staff become like family to them, caring for their needs and showing interest in them.

Individuals of various ethnic and religious backgrounds find a home at St. Anne’s, regardless of income level.

The majority of our residents are elderly, but we do serve adults of any age who are in need of care in our supervised living (Basic Care) unit.



St. Anne’s Housing for the Elderly provides a place to live for low-income individuals who are 62 years of age or disabled. Their monthly rent is subsidized by the Federal Government’s Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program.

Our Mission



Our mission at St. Anne's is to provide a safe, caring, and family-like home for our residents. Inspired by St. Francis, we strive to serve each person who comes to us as we would Christ. We welcome those who come to us from various backgrounds, treating them with love and dignity while providing for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Prayer for Life

(Prayed daily in by the Sisters in our chapel)

*Mary, our Mother...teach us also to cherish all life,
from the unborn to the elderly from the physically disabled
to those whose minds fail them.*

*Help us to treat each person we meet
as we would Christ, remembering his words:*

"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me."

Teach us to love Him each day in each precious life we encounter. Amen.



What We Provide...

Our Basic Care Unit, provides a supervised living environment for individuals who cannot live healthy lives on their own.

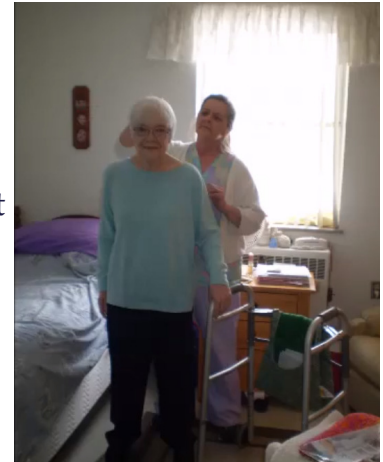
Our staff works hard to ensure that the *whole* person is cared for, offering many social and spiritual opportunities, as well as caring for their physical needs.

Nursing, housekeeping, laundry, and personal care services are provided. We are a small facility, and our staff get to know residents on a very personal level, assisting them in various ways according to their needs.

St. Anne's has a very engaging activity program, providing various games, entertainment and outings. We offer opportunities for socialization that many elderly people lack living on their own.

St. Anne's also has a chapel with spiritual opportunities. Staff are on duty at all times (24/7) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of these residents. Meals and snacks are also provided by our dietary staff, who provide delicious home-cooking and accommodate residents' special diets.

Residents in our subsidized housing unit are also able to take advantage of nursing, housekeeping, and dietary services, as well as activities.





See more at stannesguesthome.org



You play an important role in enabling us to continue serving our residents!

You can share in our mission to the elderly and vulnerable
by making a tax-deductible donation.

Donations may be sent to:

St. Anne's Guest Home

524 N. 17th St.

Grand Forks, ND 58203

or may be made online at www.stannesguesthome.org/online-giving.

If you wish to have a receipt for tax purposes, we can provide one.

Also, if you wish to allocate your contribution for a certain purpose, please note that.

An alternate method which, while helping St. Anne's, also can offer you a tax advantage, is to make a gift of stocks or mutual fund investments. We are able to accept these through our financial institution. To learn more, email us at contact@stannesguesthome.org.



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