NUMAS HAUS News

Giving Families a Future

First Quarter 2023

Loraine's Story

Loraine is a single mother of four amazing kids. She has worked hard to overcome many hurdles in her life. Loraine was in a tough marriage where she endured many years of mental and emotional abuse, and unfortunately, it trickled down to the children as well. She came to the realization that she had to get herself and her children out of this abusive relationship. With nowhere to go, she called NUMAS Haus.

"While at NUMAS I realized my children and I deserved better!"

After arriving at NUMAS things were going well, her husband was being more agreeable and they had a parenting schedule in place. After a few months of this, things started to change. Her husband started using the children to manipulate her and would withhold the children from her for weeks at a time. At this point, Loraine, (who at one point had hopes of reconciliation), decided that the best possible plan of action was to start the divorce process.

While staying at NUMAS Haus, Loraine was able to accomplish several of her goals. One was to get her driver's license. The day she passed her test was one of the most exciting days she can remember in a long time! She started going to therapy, she completed the 90-day program, and found a place for herself and her kids to call home.

"NUMAS will always be a huge part of our lives! We will forever be grateful to them for all the help they provided us. They were there when I had nowhere or no one to turn to. I was given the encouragement and help I needed to get over all of those hurdles."

While staying at NUMAS Haus Loraine has maintained a full-time job, acquired financial/budgeting skills, attended parenting classes, participated in the nutrition and rental program, and so appreciates that everyone at NUMAS cares so deeply about her and her children. Loraine has even expressed interest in coming back as a volunteer to help women that are possibly in the same situation that she was once in.

Our Mission

To provide emergency shelter and support services to homeless women and children in the Brown County area.

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- Yardwork
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Mailings
- Organizing
- Cleaning
- Packing/Unpacking
- Maintenance

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More than a Shelter...

I remember when we first spoke of opening up a shelter for the homeless in our area. Our desire was that it be more than just a shelter. We wanted it to be a place of safety, a place of restoration, and a place of change where those who come can be given the support and skills required not just to meet immediate needs, but to transition out of homelessness into stability. We knew, therefore, that we wanted to establish something that would be far more than a short-term band-aide. We wanted to establish a program that would encourage, facilitate and enable long-term success in life. I am grateful that we made that decision. With the support of community churches, individuals, businesses and organizations, NUMAS Haus has proven to be a place that meets the goals that we established early on. Each newsletter shares with you the stories of real people who can give testimony to the benefits that NUMAS has been to them.

This could not happen without the many from our community and area who have so faithfully supported NUMAS, and it could not minister effectively if we did not have a quality staff. Since my last addition to the newsletter we have had a staff change. Hailey Hulke, who has served as our case manager for NUMAS, has left her position to continue using her social work skills at Allina Hospital here in New Ulm. We are very grateful for her commitment and care for the women and children in our program and wish her the best in her new role. Since then, we have hired, Sarah Rieman, who joins us with a wealth of experiences and we are so grateful to have her join the team. Sarah will support the daily operations of the shelter and programming for the residents. Her organizational skills and temperament perfectly mesh with the needs of NUMAS.

At our Gala last fall we talked about “The Next Chapter”. That is so fitting as we consider the women and children who are being aided by our organization. It is also fitting that we, as an organization, realize that new pages are being written each day as we move forward. We still have people who wish to be a part of NUMAS, but we cannot take them in because we are out of room. We still have people in our program who, when it is time for them to graduate and move forward into a home of their own, cannot because property rentals are so difficult to come by. These are real and pressing issues for us. We recognize the need is not getting any less, and we recognize that a family wishing to move forward is hard pressed to do so. That leaves us with questions. What are our next steps to enable more to be involved in NUMAS? Is there something that we can do to facilitate our graduate’s need for housing that would allow them to move forward with their lives?

These are questions that our Board of Directors and Executive Director are concerned about, thinking about, and working on. Thank you for your faithful support. It allows us to do what we do. More importantly, it allows those who participate in our program to prepare for and experience a positive future.

Blessings!

Pastor Phil Schenck
President, NUMAS Haus Board of Directors

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- Zion United Methodist Church

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Welcome to the NUMAS Haus Team!

My name is Sarah Riemann, and I have lived in New Ulm for 23 years. I have two amazing daughters, two amazing sons-in-law, and I am also a grandma of 4 super amazing kiddos.

In my previous careers, I was a Massage Therapist, and a Personal Trainer, I worked the front desk at Probation, and as a Desktop Publishing Specialist. I wasn't sure what I was going to do for my next career till a friend called me and recommended that I apply at NUMAS Haus.

Applying at NUMAS Haus was intriguing to me because my father had been a social worker with the Salvation Army in Kansas. So I applied, got the job, hit the ground running, and have not looked back since. This job is so rewarding in so many ways. I love coming to work everyday because I get to work with a knowledgeable Board, an amazing Executive Director and some really great ladies and their children. You can't ask for more than that!

NUMAS Haus *Wish List*

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Womens Deoderant

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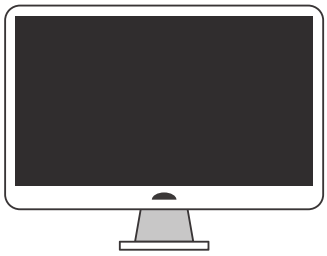

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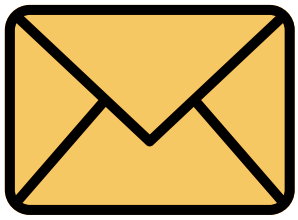

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