



STAR OF THE NORTH MATERNITY HOME

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Welcome Our New SON Iron Range Program Co-Manager, Kristyn



Kristyn, a lifelong resident of Hibbing, met her husband Ted in high school, and they've been married for 39 years. She attended Faith Baptist Bible College, majoring in Bible studies and Sign Language. After four years in Anchorage, Alaska, with the USAF, they returned to Hibbing. Kristyn homeschooled their three children and cared for aging parents. In 2022, she joined Star of the North Maternity Home Iron Range, dedicating her work to the Lord, inspired by Ecclesiastes 9:10

Could your Church lend a helping hand?

We need volunteers to sustain our vital program supporting moms and babies. We would be honored to speak with your congregation about how they can partner with us in this mission. Please let us know if we can arrange a visit to your church. Please contact us at togetherforlifeforthland@gmail.com to schedule.

Dear SON Supporters,

June 2024

I recently had the opportunity, while working with our Mom's at Star of the North, to visit with them about their vocational interests. I had the special pleasure of being there to hear them share what they have "realized" the aha of their passions - what they now want to focus on for their next career step. Our first Mom said she wants to study business and run a food shelf for those underserved and needy (she has enrolled in LSC Business for Fall 24'). The other mom wants to become a Doula who helps pregnant Moms (she is hoping to meet with Tammy to learn the education path).

Let me begin by noting that we work with the Moms right at admission to write out their Life Care Plan which focuses on their goals for the next 1-3 years. We ask them if they want to focus on work or education. We provide an amazing Life Coach, Melissa Versich, every 2 weeks to work with them on their vocational planning. We have our wonderful board member Tammy Dixon who shares what Doula's do with many of our Moms. It is a special moment to share with someone when they realize a passion for a new career.

Our staff and volunteers work tirelessly 24/7 to provide this amazing program to help our Moms move to independence. We are so grateful for your support in helping this mission continue.

Our needs are to pay off our homes (525k), new driveway (10K) in SON Twin Ports, New AC and roof repair (25K) for SON Iron Range. God is so good as He let us hear the voices of new hopes and dreams from our Moms!

Dr. Susan E. McClernon, Executive Director



Thank You to Our TFLN Mother's Day Rose Sale Participants

Blessed Sacrament
Chisholm Baptist
Nashwauk Alliance
Abundant Life
St Joseph Catholic
St Anthony's Catholic Ely

St Pius X Catholic
North Star Church
St. James Catholic Church
St. Rose Catholic Church
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
St. Mary & Joseph Guild

St. Mary Star of Sea
St. Raphael's Catholic Church
St. Francis
Cathedral of Holy Rosary
Queen of Peace
Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Iron Range | (218) 206-1931 | sonmhir@gmail.com

Volunteer Spotlight:



Gail Checco, a lifelong resident of Hibbing, has been involved in pro-life ministry for many years, showing particular compassion for post-abortive mothers facing difficulties.

Throughout her career, Gail has worked in various roles focused on helping others, whether at the clinic, hospital, or her church, Blessed Sacrament. She has been associated with SONIR since its inception, providing support and wisdom to its founders, as well as offering her time and transportation to assist residents with their appointments.

Recently, she has been using her experience as a grandmother of eight to care for the little ones in our home. We deeply appreciate her contributions!

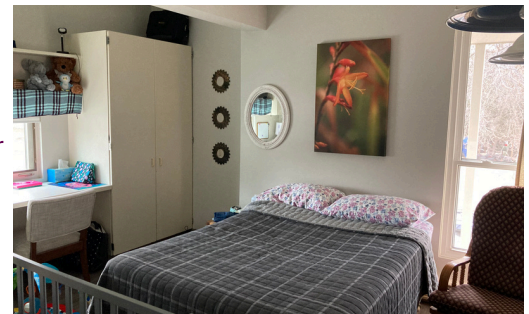
Gail Checco, Volunteer

SON IRON RANGE HOUSE UPDATE

Last December, SON Iron Range embarked on an incredible journey as we moved into a stunning, newly remodeled house. After extensive renovations, including new flooring, fresh paint, transforming a half bath into a full one, and adding bedrooms, our space was ready to shine. The past few months have been filled with vibrant activity: we've adorned the freshly painted walls with beautiful pictures, arranged cozy furniture on the pristine floors, and dressed the beds with lovingly crafted homemade quilts. Thanks to a generous gift card from Chisholm Baptist Church, we've added charming touches like hanging flowers and setting up a welcoming patio table.

But the most heartwarming transformation has been the people we've welcomed. Mothers and their little ones have filled this house with love and joy, turning it into so much more than just four walls and a roof. Our beautiful house, which we moved into last winter, has truly become a loving, peaceful home.

"My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest." - Isaiah 32:18



Resident Interview

Our second resident is officially home!



In March, we warmly welcomed our second resident to our new home. She and her three-month-old daughter arrived and quickly settled in. Embracing the orientation period with enthusiasm, she swiftly completed it and moved on to Phase One within a week. She has been diligently checking off each step, driven by her determination to reunite under one roof with all three of her daughters. We look forward to welcoming her other two girls in the coming months.

She is a patient and loving mother and it will be a joy to see her family together. Recently, she underwent an extensive dental procedure, and we eagerly anticipate the beautiful smile she will soon have. We couldn't be more proud of her and her progress!

**Needs for SON
Iron Range:**

Check out our [Target Registry](#)
Pillow Protectors
High Chair
Grill
Gardening Tools
Lightweight Vacuum for Stairs
Women's Socks

Capital Needs:

Exterior Paint - \$10K
New AC & Roof Repair
-\$25k
Payoff Mortgage -\$225K

SON Twin Ports

Volunteer Spotlight



Roxanne and Molly

SON Twin Ports Needs

Baby Bath for ages 2+
New Stroller

Visit our [Amazon Wish List](#)
and search StaroftheNorth

SON TWP

Capital Needs:

Driveway Expansion &
Resurfacing - \$10K

Landscaping - \$2K

Pay off Mortgage -
\$300K

OPENINGS : Co-Program Manager, Volunteers, Care Coordinators, Board Members

SON TWP is looking for a Co-Program Manager.
SON IR & TWP need Care Coordinators and Volunteers.
Please email your resume to
togetherforlifeforthland@gmail.com.

Molly and Roxanne began volunteering at Star of the North Duluth in November 2023. They have enthusiastically taken on the challenge of managing and organizing the generous donations that SON receives, including diapers and gear. Thank you to everyone who keeps them so busy!

Molly and Roxanne met nearly 20 years ago through their sons, Caden and Bryce, and quickly became close friends. They still enjoy mother-son sushi dinners with their guys whenever possible. As single moms, they learned the importance of supporting each other and organizing kid swaps. This mutual support is something they appreciate about SON—people dedicated to helping moms and kids thrive.

After their boys graduated, they adopted sister puppies and now co-parent the girls. Roxanne has a daughter and son-in-law, a son and daughter-in-law, and four beloved grandchildren. Molly has a wonderful son.

Besides their work and volunteering at SON, Molly and Roxanne stay very busy. Roxanne volunteers as a diver at the aquarium, Molly loves cooking for everyone, and both have a passion for plants, continually adding to their collections. They also participate in competitive trivia and enjoy activities with friends.

They are both enjoying being a part of a supportive network to help our Moms and Children succeed! This is something they both deeply cherish!

What's New?

Star of the North Twin Ports (SON TWP) is dipping its toe into patio gardening and loving it! Our resident, Tiara, put together a list of healthy, delicious veggies she's eager to share with her son, and our volunteers Heather (pictured), Mary Ann, Molly, and Roxanne pitched in to make it happen. Smiling and covered in dirt, they planted herbs, lettuce, peas, beans, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, and strawberries in the rain and enjoyed every minute of it! When they finished planting, Tiara said, "I really needed that today!" It's such a great opportunity for our residents, volunteers, and staff to work together, creating something they are all really proud of. We are excited for our first harvest. Tiara loves to cook healthy food and can't wait to use food that she grew herself! An added bonus is the garden looks beautiful outside the office window for all!



We are building a garden!

Special Thanks to the
Duluth Superior Community
Foundation for the grant
used for the garden project.



CORN ROAST

Saturday, August 3

5:30-8:30 p.m.

*St. James Church Parking Lot
715 N 57th Ave W, Duluth
(Rain or Shine)*

Live Music with Todd Eckart

Freewill Donation

Bring Lawn Chairs



Thank You to Our Sponsors



2024 Upcoming Events SAVE THE DATE

- DONArt - Ongoing
- August 3 Corn Roast, St. James
- October - SON IR Farm Fest
- November 30 Artists Trunk Show
 - Duluth (Holy Rosary Gym)
 - Hibbing



Maternity Home

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