



STAR OF THE NORTH MATERNITY HOME

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ASB Accelerate Supports Star of the North with \$10,000 Gift

Star of the North Maternity Home was recently blessed to be the recipient of a generous \$10,000 donation through American Solutions for Business' 2026 Accelerate Annual Conference held May 18–21 in Duluth at the DECC.

They extended into the local community with the recommendation of the Cathy & Jim Christopherson, local ASB partners, to designate SON, as attendees rallied to support the women and children we serve.

We are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity of everyone involved and to our resident, Lindsey, for bravely sharing her story.

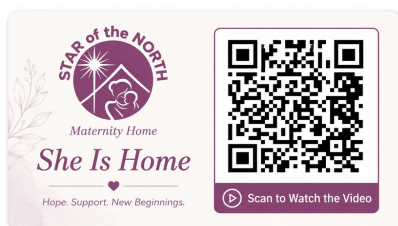
To American Solutions for Business and everyone who made this gift possible: thank you for standing with Star of the North.

We are encouraged by the way local and corporate partners are using their platforms to make a meaningful difference. When businesses choose to support SON, they are investing in stability, dignity, and hope for women and children right here in our region.

Please connect with us to learn more about supporting SON by bringing a business team, sponsoring annually or events at www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org.



Take three minutes to watch our Annual Report Video for 2026



From the Executive Director's Desk Summer 2026

Dear SON Supporters,

As I reflect on our mission at Star of the North, I am reminded of Isaiah 58:7: "Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them..." Every safe night of housing, every meal served, every parenting lesson learned, and every milestone reached by a mother and her child is possible because of faithful supporters like you.

Our community of churches, businesses, mission teams, foundations, volunteers, and individual donors surrounds mothers with hope, encouragement, and practical support during some of life's most difficult seasons. When a mother arrives at our door, she often carries fear, uncertainty, trauma, and the weight of feeling alone. Through your partnership, she finds a community that believes in her and walks alongside her as she builds a brighter future for herself and her children. As our families move toward independence, your support allows us to live out God's love 24/7.

Here are a few meaningful ways you can extend your impact:

- **Employer Matching Gifts** – Many employers match charitable donations, doubling or even tripling your gift.
- **Become a Monthly Partner** – Recurring gifts provide dependable support for housing, transportation, mentoring, and care coordination.
- **Consider Legacy Giving** – Include Star of the North in your will, trust, donor-advised fund, or beneficiary designations.
- **Volunteer as a Team** – Churches, businesses, civic, and mission teams can serve through projects, donation drives, maintenance, meal preparation, and special events.
- **Schedule a Tour** – Bring a friend, church group, agency partner, or community leader to see firsthand how lives are being transformed.

Every volunteer hour, donated item, financial gift, prayer, and introduction to a new supporter strengthens our mission. Together, we are building stronger families, healthier communities, and brighter futures—one mother and one child at a time. On behalf of our Board, staff, volunteers, and especially the mothers and children we serve, thank you for your generosity and partnership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan E. McClernon, Executive Director

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MONTHLY DONORS	Knights of Columbus Councils	Victory Christian Academy
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Waters Edge Community		

SON TWP & SON IR OPENINGS

- SON TWP Night Live-In (trade room & board)
- Volunteers - Babysitting & Transport
- Care Coordinators - weekends & evenings
- TFLN Board Members - Iron Range & Twin Ports

Please apply online at www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org

Resident Spotlight: Chelcy

"The reason I chose to come to The Star of the North is because it is Christian based program. They provide a safe home where we are able to have 24/7 support and care. Along with getting to learn how to be a parent and life-skills through education classes. We also get help with navigating the community resources in the Iron Range area. They will help me get access to a life coach, where I can be assisted as I get into college or get a job and build long-term independence and resilience for me and my daughter's future.

We enjoy staying here because you cannot get the family feel that you get here anywhere else."

SON IR Resident, Chelcy



Manager's Note: Kristyn Sinnott

Living with us right now are 2 moms and each has a baby. One baby is 8 months old and our newest addition is 7-weeks old. We are interviewing several applicants. What a blessing to watch these moms grow in their motherhood and life skills. Each comes with their own unique needs and we try to tailor-fit support for them. We have upwards of 10 partners that our moms interact with on a regular basis besides doctor appointments, therapy, and attending a church of their choice on the weekends. Thank you to all who have donated to our home. A big thank you to the women of God's Choice ministry who regularly donate a big supply of our household needs-and donuts! And to the group of ladies from Blessed Sacrament Church in Hibbing who make a large pan of lasagna and more each and every month. Thank you for loving on us!



Staff Spotlight: Krystal Oksanen

SON Iron Range is proud to introduce its newest staff member: Krystal Joy Oksanen. Our Krystal is aptly named, as she is a woman who exudes JOY and is a true gem. Born in Pennsylvania, she moved to the Iron Range fifteen years ago to marry her husband Jay and acquire two lovely step-daughters. Four years later they welcomed their son Phinehas into their family. Krystal has always been involved in ministry: leading youth group, singing in the worship band, helping in the church nursery. Currently, she and her husband run the Hibbing chapter of Celebrate Recovery. However, the desire of her heart is to be a part of a ministry that honors motherhood, and we are so thankful she chose ours! She loves connecting with our moms and their little ones and is truly a blessing to all of us, staff and residents alike.



Check out our [Target Registry](#)



Needs For SON Iron Range:
Gift Cards: Walmart, SuperOne, Aldi & Target
Disinfecting wipes
Cleaning supplies
Volunteers and babysitters
Part-Time Staff

Capital Needs:

Garage Heater - \$4.5K
Replace Steam Heat - \$20K
Landscaping - \$2K
Payoff Mortgage - \$220K

SON Twin Ports

We are excited to introduce our newest Mom, Tassja!

She first reached out to us in early 2026 as she was referred by one of our partner agencies. She worked hard to stay in touch and she joined us in May with her due date quickly approaching, we're now joyfully counting down the days until she welcomes her baby boy this week.

In her first month here, she's had the chance to settle into her new home and build the stability she needs to bring him safely into the world. When asked what she likes most about SON, her initial answer was, "having a roof over my head, clothes on my back, food in my belly, and a shower." After a moment of thought, she added the people, the support, and having a safe place to bring her baby home.

She shared that SON has given her an opportunity to be together with her son. She now isn't worried about the CPS case that will open when he arrives because she's proud of the steps she's taken for herself and her family. Her goals while she's here include graduating from Tagwii, focusing on her mental health—the key to her sobriety, parenting well and preparing for independent living. She's deeply committed to staying on the right path and building a strong, healthy relationship with her son as she gets to know him more each day. We are so happy to be a part of her journey!

Resident Spotlight Tassja



Manager's Note: Molly Rathke

There is so much to celebrate at SON-TWP since our last newsletter. Two beautiful babies have been born, with another on the way. Two moms have graduated from our program. Our current Moms are working, attending school, and making steady progress toward the goals they have set for themselves and their children. The kids are growing right along with them. Two of our girls recently completed their first year of preschool, and our 4-month-old baby girl seems to learn something new every day. Life in the home is busy, full, and happy!

We have also welcomed new volunteers who are sharing their time and talents with our families. We continue to be humbled by the way our staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters show up for this ministry. Their care can be seen in the big milestones, but it is also present in the ordinary moments that keep the home running each day. Thank you for being one of those people and for how you show up. We love connecting with our extended SON community and sharing our stories!

So with that – our garden is planted, the sun is mostly shining, and the house is heading into a busy summer. Wishing each of you a fun, family, and friends-filled season!



Volunteer Spotlight Meet Celine Campbell



Celine is one of our longest tenured volunteers, starting with SON in 2020 after meeting Sue at a fundraiser. She learned of SON's mission and knew she had to be a part of it. Children have been at the heart of Celine's life from the very beginning. Growing up in a large family, raising four children of her own, serving as the neighborhood "mom," and spending years as a daycare provider have all shaped her love for nurturing kids.

We are blessed that she's chosen to share that gift with SON for so long. She loves baking with the kids and being a resource to the moms. When asked what draws Celine to SON, she got a bit more serious. She's seen how society can be quick to judge mothers who have fewer resources—"they are often treated as 'less-than.'" Raising a child is overwhelming for everyone, no matter their circumstances. Celine shares SON's belief that Moms who choose to have babies when the odds are stacked against them deserve support and nurturing. She said, "I love what SON does to fill the gap between 'Now what?' and 'Hey, I can do this!'" Moms and kids look forward to their time with Celine, and we are so glad she went to that fundraiser almost 7 years ago! Her dedication to SON is appreciated!

SON TWP Needs:

Gift Cards- Walmart,
SuperOne, Amazon &
Target, Aldi's

Plastic Storage Bins

Pantry Staples

SON Twin Ports Needs - Amazon



SON TWP Capital Needs:

Payoff Mortgage
\$262K

Flooring
Replacement \$15K
Exterior Painting
\$12K



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Fundraising Event

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Star of the North Maternity Home - Iron Range

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

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SHOTGUN START AT 11:00 AM
LUNCH AND PRIZES TO FOLLOW

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Star of the North Maternity Home - Iron Range

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