

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Media News Directors
FROM: Joy West, Safe Home Manager
DATE: April 11, 2022
RE: Press Release- Safe Home: A Decade of Making a Difference
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Minnehaha County Human Services is proud to announce Safe Home's, "A Decade of Making a Difference" celebration. An open house will take place from 2-4p.m., Friday, April 22 at 320 W 3rd Street. On January 25, 2012, Safe Home opened its doors to provide dignified, affordable housing to those in need in our community. To date, Safe Home has served 142 individuals experiencing long term homelessness and alcohol dependence.

From the start of a pilot project in 2007, it took several years of persistent collaboration and partnership building to make this housing project a reality and bring the vision of Safe Home to fruition.

Safe Home is modeled on the Housing First concept. This model is predicated on first addressing immediate housing needs along with providing supportive services through case management for residents. The Safe Home Housing First Model has proven to be successful in providing a long-term, safe home for those in need, while also reducing costs associated with providing an appropriate level of care for residents.

Safe Home has reached a 10-year milestone and looks forward to continuing to serve our community as staff provide dignified, affordable housing to vulnerable individuals experiencing long term homelessness and alcohol dependence.

Partnerships with Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners, Minnehaha County Housing and Redevelopment Commission, Sioux Falls Housing, South Dakota Housing Development Authority, Lloyd Property Management, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, Sioux Falls Police, Citibank, and the residents of Minnehaha County have all been important in building a successful residence.