



Making Houses Into Homes

Newsletter 2020

A Note from the Director

Hello, Friends and Family of the Furniture Mission!

Have you ever thought about the phrase “beauty from ashes?” In Isaiah 61: God promises a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

As you can imagine, the pandemic has brought a new set of challenges to the Furniture Mission, but our goals remain the same: to serve those in need with the love of Christ and gently used furniture. However, accomplishing that task has become harder and harder with every step we take. We now must ask ourselves, “How are we going to collect items safely?” and, “How can we serve safely and most importantly deliver safely?”

Additionally, the many hats we wear at the Furniture Mission can carry heavy loads:

- *Compassion* - the importance of caring for the client and visualizing them as more than just a number.
- *Helping* - meeting them where they are in their moment, not ours, because this is His timing, not ours.
- *Delivery* - an experience that is branded on your soul every day forward, in each unique story and bringing with us not just furniture but the importance of the quality of life.

Yet even with these challenges and heavy loads we carry, I am constantly reminded of why the Furniture Mission matters in this community. A story had found its way to me regarding a client who had come in with a bruised face and a broken heart. In the unraveling of her story, there was a domestic dispute between her and her partner, resulting in her children being taken from her. After further investigation of this client, I learned some boxes needed to be checked for her children to be returned. The Furniture Mission was one of those boxes. She needed to provide a safe home for her children to live in. For sleeping, she needed to have a mattress, linens, and dressers for her children. Their family needed a kitchen table to eat a dinner around and a comfy chair to sit and read aloud.

This is the exact reason the Furniture Mission was created.

If you think of the impact a simple piece of furniture can have on a family's life, it's quite important. I know as a parent, if someone took my children, it would be the death of my whole being. I cannot imagine how helpless I would feel if I wasn't able to provide the basic items needed for them to be successful, like a bed for a good night's rest or a table to have dinner.

So, you see, your gift really does make a difference, in ways you may not even imagine. You can help change a life and your support is crucial to our efforts. Your donation truly represents “beauty from ashes.”

Many blessings,

Janean Michalov

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Executive Director

Mark Your Calendar!



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Ladies' Night Out

Friday, November 13, 2020
7-9 PM * Doors open at 6:15 PM
Sioux Falls Convention Center | Grand Ballroom

Tickets are \$55 each or \$500 for a table of 8

Join us at Ladies' Night Out!

Help make houses into homes at our annual fundraiser. Bring a friend and enjoy:

- An update on the Furniture Mission
- Desserts and refreshments
- Silent auction items for everyone, featuring unique furniture pieces

Purchase tickets in advance by calling (605) 977-6800 or emailing admin@furnituremission.org. If you are interested in Corporate Sponsorships, please email us for details.

Save the Date

FURNITURE MISSION GOLF TOURNAMENT



January 25 & 26, 2021

*We're taking a swing at an Indoor
Virtual Golf Tournament!*

*For more information and to register,
call Golf Addiction at 605-274-8903*

Tax Deduction Insight

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has instituted a provision allowing people to deduct \$300 for charitable donations. Taxpayers can take this universal deduction whether they itemize or take the standard deduction on their taxes. In short, with the CARES Act, if you donate up to \$300 in cash to a qualified organization, your adjusted gross income will be reduced up to \$300. As always, you should consult your tax, legal, and accounting advisors.



We Need You!

The Furniture Mission relies on your volunteer support. Check out ways you can get involved:

- Drive trucks to deliver furniture
- Assist with delivery
- Answer phones and perform administrative duties
- Sort and tag bedding and linens
- Enter data into computer systems
- Build items in our carpentry shop
- Clean and repair furniture
- Assist with warehouse organization

Sign up to volunteer by visiting our website at FurnitureMission.org/Volunteer or contact us at (605) 977-6800.





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Go Green!

Sign up for our email newsletter at
FurnitureMission.org/Newsletter today!

Furniture Shortage

We are down 7,000 pieces of furniture this year.

When you donate household items to the Furniture Mission, you impact the lives of the less fortunate in our community by helping make their house into a home. What may be excess to you, may fulfill the basic needs for many families. Here's how to get started:

- Check FurnitureMission.org/Donate for a list of items we are currently accepting.
- Drop-off furniture at our warehouse located at 209 N Nesmith Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103, during drop-off hours: Monday-Friday 9:30 am-3:30 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am-11 am.
- After donating items, you'll receive a receipt from our warehouse team.

Now Accepting Drop-Off Donations!



Questions about donating furniture? Contact our team at (605) 977-6800.