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MARIE
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CENTER

Hope Happens Here

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The Marie Sandvik Center has been modeling the heart of Jesus Christ in Matthew 9:36: **“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”**

Since 1940, right below the Grain Belt Beer sign on the Hennepin Avenue bridge at the Marie Sandvik Center facility at 122 Nicollet Island, the homeless men would line up every morning across the bridge. These men were coming out of the hungry, homeless, addicted and lost population of the inner city. They were looking for food, clothing, and warmth, but more than anything, they had a deep need for significance and love that would make the soul come alive. The Marie Sandvik Center staff wanted everyone to have a warm welcome because of the deep-seated belief that every person is, “made in the image and likeness of God.”

During that era, the Marie Sandvik Center also had a storefront mission on Washington Avenue called the Minneapolis Revival Center. In 1971, under the direction of Marie Sandvik and Doris Nye, the present facility was built at 1112 Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis. This vibrant ministry has been proclaiming the gospel and providing necessary help for the marginalized for over 50 years.

During these years the Marie Sandvik Center has been faithfully ministering to men, women, children, families, and homeless people, and reaching out in many ways to carry out the compassionate teachings of Jesus. The center has had a vibrant children’s ministry with hundreds of children coming in and hearing the gospel message and receiving Christmas gifts, clothing, and shoes. The Center provides weekly youth programs and summer programs for children.

At the Marie Sandvik Center we believe hope really begins with a meal, a welcoming environment, and an authentic caring spirit.



The staff, volunteers, and board are committed to keeping the gospel at the center of all they do, as they carry out the message of Matthew 25:35-40 to all who are in need:

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

After so many years of ministry the Marie Sandvik Center is reorganizing their leadership. The board members (pictured above) and the interim directors have been called by the Lord to step in and reset the vision given to Marie Sandvik in 1940. Our goal is to upgrade the nonprofit status, restructure the administration to make it even more effective, upgrade all programs, and give the facility a major cosmetic upgrade. We are very excited and encouraged by being able to step into the shoes of those that have led the way since 1940. The new leadership will set the vision to ensure that the Marie Sandvik Center is viable, and doing this through the ministry of caring for the marginalized alongside the message of hope in the gospel. We have a deep respect and gratitude to Kristen Hink for serving the mission for the past 33 years. Thousands of people have been helped through her compassionate service, and we are convinced that many souls will be in heaven because of the faithful preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ under her leadership.

We are committed to continuing the ministry at the Marie Sandvik Center, and with the Lord’s strength and guidance, we will see a strong future of ministry, but we need your help.

We need your prayer support. First, nothing happens unless we ask God for His help. Second, we need financial supporters to help us improve the Center to make a difference for Christ in the Twin Cities. We could also use your help in volunteering time to come alongside the Center to do ministry, to repair, and to welcome those coming to the Marie Sandvik Center. God bless you as you stand with us. Amen.





Because of staff illness on Sunday, December 22nd the Center was closed. However, Chris Heeb, our Chaplain stepped up to the plate.

"I felt inspired to go down and hand out sandwiches and clothes. And we ended up feeding 27 people with 38 sandwiches and 2 coats! Great Christmas for me! My favorite recent story of 'Jesus with skin on Ministry.' That's what the Marie Sandvik Center was intended to be!"



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