



Dear Friends,

December 2016 marks the end of our fourth year in operation at Kelly House. Since the arrival of our first five residents in early 2013, Kelly House has been home to approximately 200 residents, providing refuge and support as they learned to cope with their mental health and addiction issues. The average length of stay for current residents is just over 2 years. Our current longest-term resident has been here since he first arrived in August of 2013. Prior to that time, the longest he had lived in any one place in his adult life, other than a hospital, was 6 months. Like many of our newer residents, this young man has found a permanent, supportive home at Kelly House.

Since 2014, Kelly House has also been providing a state-approved and a partially state-funded (Title XX) Adult Day Care Program for some of our residents who are not eligible to attend other, similar programs such as The Friendship Program or Community Alliance day programs. Each of our residents attend a minimum of 30 hours of day programming each week. These programs offer life-skills development, as well as therapeutic, educational, social and recreational activities for adults in need of these services and other more specialized assistance. Having access to this type of programming is vital to our residents' ongoing recovery and day-to-day well-being.



Currently, our Adult Day Care Program is somewhat limited in scope and is state-approved for Kelly House residents only. Our vision for the upcoming year is to expand our Adult Day Care Program and offer these much-needed services to adults in the surrounding neighborhood who do not reside at Kelly House. To complete the expansion, Kelly House will need to make some building updates and improvements to accommodate more people, improve our capacity to offer these services and meet other licensure requirements. It is our hope to have completed building improvements and begin

the licensing process by late spring or early summer. Our goal is to open our expanded Adult Day Care Program by late fall or early winter of this year.

To achieve that goal, we need to raise \$45,000 and/or gather the necessary materials and expertise needed to make building improvements. Our top priority is to replace all of our doors and windows. We also need to repair our front entry way ramp, replace the roof and update the lower-level in order to better accommodate our current, full-time residents. Please consider partnering with us financially or with your in-kind contribution. Giving to Kelly House online is easy: go to [www.kellyhouseomaha.org](http://www.kellyhouseomaha.org). We would love to share our journey with you. Please contact us if you would like to receive updates about our program. I would also like to invite you or your group or organization to participate in a personal tour of the house, so we can share our vision and answer any questions you may have.

**Needed:**

Windows, Doors, New Roof, Cash Donations & Volunteers

**Our contact information:**

[www.kellyhouseomaha.org](http://www.kellyhouseomaha.org)

Most importantly, we would not consider such an expansion without a covering of prayer. Please pray for the health of our residents and for the success of our expansion, but most of all please be praying for divine intercessions. Pray for people we will meet along the way, that God will bring peace and success as only he can.

Thanks for your support!

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