

HAPPENINGS

SOJOURNER est. 1997
TRUTH HOUSE
HOUSING. FINANCIAL. AND MORE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS

Home at Last

She didn't give up.
And you didn't look away.



Real stories made possible by your support.



Jessie Found a Home

Jessie's life was full of broken promises and missed opportunities, but she never gave up.

After being unhoused for over 10 years, Jessie found her way to Sojourner Truth House.

Thanks to your support, she moved into permanent housing just before Christmas.

Jessie came to STH's day center previously but left when family members promised space in their homes. Their broken promises led Jessie to experience a pattern of unstable housing.

She returned to STH and was hospitalized due to unaddressed medical issues. Jessie was **more determined than ever** to obtain permanent housing.

As her health improved, Jessie began attending classes daily at Sojourner Truth House. Financial literacy classes helped her with budgeting, credit repair, credit building, and savings.

Career classes helped Jessie overcome employment barriers, write a resume, and practice interviewing skills. She also had access to classes in life skills, parenting, recovery, and goal setting.

Jessie tells new participants that commitment is the key to housing success.

Your commitment to helping others gave Jessie the boost she needed to find her own success story. She's become a great role model to others, proving that despite any number of setbacks, they should not give up. **Supporters like you** provide life-changing aid at STH's day center.



**Thanks to you,
Jessie's life is now full of
promise and hope.**

Gary Native Finds Fulfillment in Giving

A Hometown Heart for Gary

Sandy Dale was looking for a way to support her hometown of Gary. What she saw troubled her; more people were struggling than receiving help. “As a community, I feel like people forgot about Gary,” she said.

Her deep love for the city where she was born and raised inspired her to act. “I wanted to be able to give back to Gary.”

Sandy found her answer through Sojourner Truth House. She began by donating food, personal care items, and household supplies. **“The need is immense,”** she said. “I feel good about taking things there because I know they’ll be used.”

It didn’t stop there. Sandy soon became a consistent financial donor, passionate about meeting the urgent needs of women and families. “To me, feeding clients is unbelievably important,” she said. “If you’re worried about your children being hungry, you can’t take steps to improve yourself.”

She even stepped up to raise funds for the Walk for STH—doubling her personal goal to raise \$1,000. Her team, Community Ambassadors for STH, brought in more than \$6,468.20 to support the work she believes in. **Sandy gives because she sees the change it makes.**

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YOUR GIFT UNLOCKS HOPE

Every day, Sojourner Truth House helps women and families facing hardship, housing insecurity, and hunger – but not without your support.

Join Sandy and be part of the change. Your gift provides healing, food, and the next step forward.

Give now at sojournertruthhouse.org/giving or scan the QR code to make your gift.

Scan here





The Holidays are Coming

As the holidays approach, Sojourner Truth House is already getting ready to make the season brighter for the families we serve.

In November, families in need will receive Thanksgiving food boxes filled with everything they need for a special meal — thanks to support from community partners. Many will also enjoy a warm, catered Thanksgiving lunch right here at STH.

In December, the Santa Store opens for several days, allowing clients to “shop” for gifts and essentials using their Sojourner Bucks, which are earned for attending classes and working toward their goals. From cozy blankets that offer comfort, to small appliances that make life a little easier, to toys that light up a child’s eyes, the Santa Store fills homes with hope.

As the temperatures drop, warm winter coats, hats, gloves, and especially boots in all sizes are in high demand to help families stay comfortable through the cold months.

Follow us on Facebook to see how you help make this season feel like home.

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Our Funding Partners



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- Geminus Community Partners
- Helen Brach Foundation
- NiSource Charitable Foundation
- Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities
- Service League of Northwest Indiana
- Sisters of Saint Francis
- The Legacy Foundation
- Walmart Store #1618 - Merrillville
- Walmart Store #2544 - Portage



YOU Showed Up!

Because of you, the 2025 Walk for STH was our most successful to date!

Together, we raised over **\$124,500** to help unlock hope for women and families on their journey towards stability.

Thank you for walking, giving, and sharing your strength. **We are #SojournerStrong because of YOU!**

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ



Partners in the work of the Spirit

Sojourner Truth House is a ministry of
the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

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