

## SUCCESS IS . . .

Life House programs build a strong community by helping homeless kids develop essential life skills. Our staff focuses on each youth's unique strengths to ensure our kids' success. Youth like Sarah...

***“A year ago I didn't even have enough money to survive.”***

Lacking family support, for Sarah drugs and violence were replacements for love. By age 14, Sarah was on the streets, sleeping in friend's basements and even in a pop-up camper with other homeless kids.

That's when Sarah found Life House.

***“Without Life House, I would still be on the streets or dead. I don't like to think about it...”***

Today, with help from Life House programs, Sarah lives independently, renting her own safe and stable home. She's been employed at the same job a full year – even saving up enough money for a trip to New York City.

“It was great seeing the Statue of Liberty in person, and not on some TV,” says Sarah, smiling.

While visiting the East Coast, Sarah applied to a few colleges – and recently learned she's been accepted to her favorite! Today, Sarah still works with Life House for help with finding financial aid.

***“Life House helped me learn about myself, and taught me what I need to do to succeed.”***



## CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

Life House youth were recognized by the community for their achievements in education at the annual Celebration of Success held in May of 2012.

# LIFE HOUSE: HELPING HOMELESS KIDS SINCE 1991

For over 20 years, Life House goals are to help at risk, homeless youth become healthy, positive adults. Our emergency youth services are located in the LIFELINE Building, two blocks from the public transit center, downtown Duluth, Minnesota.

*Today, Life House is the only drop-in center for homeless kids in Northeastern Minnesota.*

## 2012 OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES

- 602 youth ages 14-20 served
- 8000+ meals provided
- 275 youth ages 16-20 connected with Life House programs. Of those youth:



**HOUSING**

91% of youth who accessed affordable housing remained stable for at least 6 months




**EDUCATION**

76% of youth served achieved success in their educational goals (high school, GED, college)



**EMPLOYMENT**

75% of youth served obtained employment &/or job placement with local employers



**HEALTH SERVICES**

97% of youth served increased health levels through on-site &/or local health resources/services



*“Without Life House I would be homeless with nowhere to go. Now I have a place of my own and help with finding a job.”*

*Jermaine*

# GET INVOLVED

## STEP ONE: CALL

Please call 218-722-7431 to donate by phone or for more information.

## STEP TWO: CLICK

Visit our website [lifehouseduluth.org](http://lifehouseduluth.org) to give online or learn more about Life House.

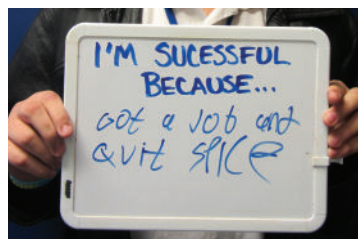
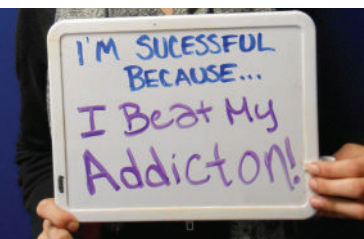
## STEP THREE: CONNECT

Enroll in the Adopt-A-Kid program. For as little as \$29 a month, you can support the needs of a local homeless youth. Your donation provides access to a hot meal, safe housing, school, job training and essential health services.

Donations may be mailed or delivered to 102 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Life House is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your generous gift is tax deductible.

# HELP US CREATE MORE SUCCESS STORIES.



# LIFE HOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

## SUPPORT & REVENUE

### SUPPORT:

	2011	2012
■ Contributions & Grants	\$ 451,604	\$ 416,332
■ Government Grants	\$ 272,191	\$ 295,446
■ Special Events Revenue	\$ 46,930	\$ 48,334
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 770,725</b>	<b>\$ 760,112</b>



### REVENUE:

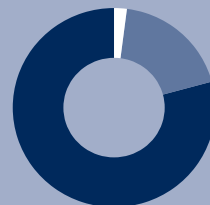
■ Program Fees	\$ 6,181	\$ 6,810
■ Gross Rental Income	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
■ Miscellaneous	\$ 6,213	\$ 11,657
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 36,394</b>	<b>\$ 42,467</b>



<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 807,119</b>	<b>\$ 802,579</b>
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## EXPENSES

	2011	2012
■ Direct Program Expenses	\$ 675,043	\$ 706,978
■ Administration	\$ 153,619	\$ 167,439
■ Fundraising Expenses	\$ 15,036	\$ 18,182
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 843,698</b>	<b>\$ 892,559</b>



*Based on audited financial statements*

*“If not for Life House, I would still be looking for safe housing with no diploma. Thank you so much for helping me when no one else would.”*

*Shalya*



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