



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM EMMAUS HOUSE

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STABILITY LIES IN THE HEART

Stability is one of three vows that Benedictines across the world profess.

If you have been following Emmaus House over the last 10 years you would have to wonder if we really are living a life of stability!

There have been many moves especially the last two winters where we found that we just needed to rent a space in town to stay safe and quit taking the risk of late evening winter driving. Praying the Memorare for protection every time we got into the car helped our nerves!

April 8, 2018 found us purchasing a home in town where we reside during the week and then return to Charley Creek on the weekends for Mass, Religious Education classes, and Bible Studies.

Neither one of us has ever purchased a home before so it was a big learning curve! One that we feel so blessed to be able to do. God is good!



Stability of the heart is a deeper stability.

In our 2016 Newsletter we spoke of the Benedictine vows. In regards to stability we wrote, "We see stability as a vow to stay put with our local community." So, in purchasing a house in Sidney, MT we are making a bigger statement regarding our call from God and our vow of stability.

The vow of stability is more about the stability of our heart than just making a commitment to staying in one place.

"At the heart of stability there is the certitude that God is everywhere, that we have no need to seek God elsewhere, that if I can't find God here I shan't find God anywhere, because the kingdom of God begins within us." (Ester de Waal, *Seeking God, The Way of St. Benedict*, pg 62)





ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

Emmaus House organized two fundraisers in 2018. These two fundraisers brought in approximately \$10,000 which will allow Emmaus House to continue offering spiritual direction, retreats, bible studies and to offer scholarships to our young adults with autism spectrum disorder.

July 14, 2018 was the 2nd annual Vision of Hope 5K Run/Walk which supports the autism ministry of Emmaus House.

We had a number of corporate sponsors who donated more than \$250 each to this years Run/Walk. We are so grateful to these sponsors: Edward Jones, Stockman Bank, NALCO Champion, Tri-County Implement, Frontier Heating, Kringen Construction, and Action Auto.



Courtesy of Sidney Herald



Musicians Megan Karls and David Raba provided an evening of entertainment for our guests at the first annual fundraiser for Emmaus House and its ministries.

The evening of music also included desserts and coffee which were donated by a number of friends of Emmaus House.

Donors: The Rush, Simply Scrumptious, Tracy Denowh, Kathy Bidegaray, Wendy Becker, Betty Rauschendorfer, Judy Reid, Emily Hoff, Sandy Miller, Linette Miller, Jen Vaira, LeRoy & Vicky Strasheim, Kim Klasna, Foundation from Community Care, Gina Heckey, Gary & DeAnne Rauschendorfer, and Richalnd Fair & Rodeo for the use of their stage.





VISION OF HOPE

Vision of Hope, the autism ministry of Emmaus House, was featured in the *Bakken Living Magazine, Fall 2018 edition*. The ministry of Vision of Hope financially assists young eastern Montanans with an autism diagnosis pursue education and training to address their needs as they strive to achieve their highest level of independence.

Emmaus House, having established a fund specifically for Vision of Hope Autism Ministry, invites individuals and corporations to contribute to help us reach our immediate goal of \$200,000 so that funds will be available to grant monies annually to assist individuals with autism.



Cole Roberts was the recipient of a scholarship from Vision of Hope to attend Minnesota Independence College & Community's 3 week Summer Internship program.

During the 3 week internship Cole was able to experience hands-on learning with MICC activity specialists and vocational instructors. Cole lived in an apartment setting with roommates, working and engaging in a community, and making new friends and managing a social life.

We are so proud of Cole and it has been a joy to seem him grow into a young adult who has hopes and dreams of being the best version of himself.

Please consider helping us support young adults like Cole Roberts by donating to Vision of Hope. You can donate by going to www.visionofhope.net and click on Donate and it will send you to our donation page on www.philtheneed.com

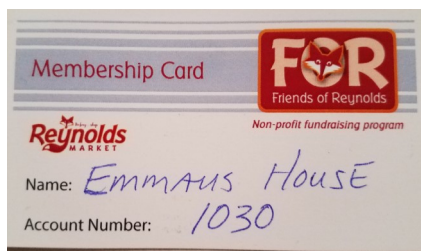


You can continue to support Emmaus House and its ministries by using:

Our websites www.emmaushouse.co and/or www.visionofhope.net and click on the Donate link. You will be directed to our account with www.philtheneed.com

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