



House of Hessed

HIV/AIDS Transition House

“Restoring hope through love”

September 23, 2014

To whom it may concern;

I am writing this letter in support of “Sanctum” a service providing housing and support to men and women living with HIV/AIDS in Saskatoon.

House of Hessed was established in Winnipeg in 1997 to provide a “home” for men and women living with HIV/AIDS. Since that time we have provided a home to 95 men and women. Their stay with us has been anywhere from a few months to years, depending on their need.

Potential residents are referred to House of Hessed by medical professionals because the person is in need of a safe, nurturing environment with 24 hour staff who will ensure that they are receiving their medications, attending medical appointments and enjoying optimum care through love and acceptance. They are referred to House of Hessed because they have nowhere else to go.

Often times residents who come to live with us are extremely ill or even considered palliative. However, over the years we have had the privilege of experiencing how a loving, supportive home environment can significantly improve the health of these individuals. We have had the joy of journeying with several people as they regain their health to the point that many are able to move onto independent living once again.

Through the services that “Sanctum” will offer, men and women living with HIV/AIDS have the potential to recover their health and independence. Without Sanctum these individuals may otherwise be homeless and/or left to languish in hospital or in worst case scenarios perish for lack of care.

I wholeheartedly support “Sanctum” as I have witnessed how a “home” filled with love, care, respect and dignity can impact a person’s life in a significant way. Services offered at Sanctum house will undoubtedly save lives.

God Bless you

moe Feakes, Executive Director of House of Hessed HIV/AIDS Transition House