

The Sunshine Memorial Foundation is a North Dakota non-profit that was established by Van and Dee Larson. The Larsons established the Foundation in memory and in honor of their daughter, Shannon "Sunshine" Larson, who passed away in 2007, at the age of 31, from heat stroke and dehydration while she was hiking in Arizona. The purpose of the Foundation is to support charitable programs promoting Shannon's attitude of helping others.



"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

## CAN YOU HELP?

# COMFORT COMPASSION CONVENIENCE

Your charitable contribution, whether it be in the form of volunteering, making a donation, or simply spreading the word, can make a difference.

For more information on how to get involved or make a donation to this project, please contact us at:

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# VISION

The Sunshine Hospitality Home will be a place of comfort, compassion and convenience for patients and their families who must travel to fulfill their healthcare needs.

The Sunshine Hospitality Home is a hospitality house that will be a home away from home available to patients or their family being treated for illnesses or receiving long term therapy for medical conditions. It will be open to all ages and illnesses and will be used by families in the Grand Forks area and surrounding regions.

Most of us don't plan for the medical conditions and complications that arise in our life. They can come at a time when we least expect it and seeking medical care in a community outside your hometown can be difficult. It creates a financial burden and can separate families. Having a loved one near during a hospital stay is important in the care and recovery process. And financing out-of-pocket lodging can be costly. That's where the Sunshine Hospitality Home can help.

This home will be built in Grand Forks, near medical facilities and will seek to provide low or no cost housing options to patient families, their caregivers or in cases of extended therapy or treatment, even the patient themselves. The Sunshine Hospitality Home will provide lodging based on three key components; we hope you will read about the foundations of this project, along with quotes from those who have stayed in a home of this nature. Then, we would ask for your support to help many who are in a time of need.

# COMFORT

To soothe, console, or reassure; bring cheer to, a state of ease and satisfaction of bodily wants, with freedom from pain and anxiety.

*"With all the stresses and hardships that came with medical needs, having a comforting place to stay, eased the burden for everyone involved."*

- Terry Paukert

*"The house helped ease some stresses and concerns and allowed Cassie to focus on our son Jack and his treatment."*

- Brad Parrish

# COMPASSION

A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.

*"Without a hospitality home, we would have had to get a loan to help pay for accommodations and food, which all add up after time. The care and compassion from people that didn't even know us was comforting. I thank God for homes like these and hope one day, all cities will have a hospitality home."*

- Joanne Barstad

# CONVENIENCE

Anything that saves or simplifies work, adds to one's ease or comfort.

*"A home such as this is a blessing for people who live at a distance from medical services. It provided us the opportunity to be around other families sharing a similar experience."*

- JoLynn Dickson