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*Abbott House girls participate in activities led by special speaker Starr Chief Eagle. Starr is one of many special speakers young people heard from this year to help them better understand cultural differences.*

Brandon Jones JAM  
Benefits Abbott House  
Youth  
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Sioux Falls Campaign  
Nearly Completed  
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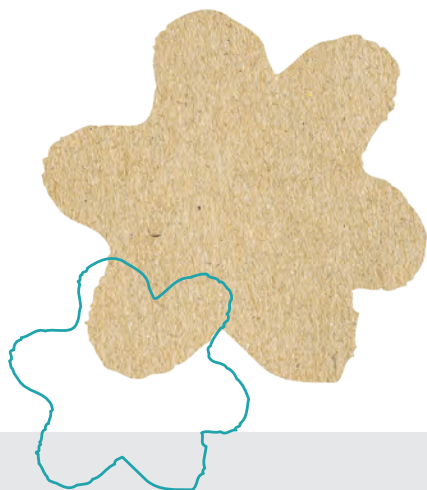


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**Eric Klooz**  
Abbott House Executive Director



## Abbott House Does Foster Care Differently

It has been such an exciting time to be part of the Abbott House. In the past year, we have continued to add to our clinical and therapeutic programming for youth. This has resulted in THE lowest 3 month period of critical incidents we have had in the past 15 years!!

We have also embarked on another expansion of our Bridges foster home program. As I write this, we are just a couple months away from opening two more beautiful homes in Sioux Falls. One of these homes will be for boys and the other for girls. I am so proud that we will soon offer 12 more young people in South Dakota a home, a family, and a new lease on life!!

At Abbott House we do foster care differently. The Agency buys or builds large, beautiful homes. Then we add

vehicles and a full budget that covers all ongoing costs. Lastly, we hire a loving couple to move into one of our homes and become mom and dad for children in need. It is one of the most satisfying things I have ever been involved with.

Currently, we are looking for the couples we need to fill these homes. Now, maybe you are interested? If so, go to [abbotthouse.org](http://abbotthouse.org) and fill out an application. However, maybe the job is not right for you. If not, would you consider telling someone else in your circle about this amazing opportunity? It could be a neighbor, friend, pastor or the checkout lady in the supermarket! We need your help to make these houses a HOME for children in need. As always, thank you so much for your help and support!

## Long-Time Board Member Leads Expansion In Services

Abbott House board members come from different backgrounds, but they all share one thing in common: they have a passion for helping children heal.

That was one of RJ Rylance's top goals when he joined the Abbott House Board in 2014.

As a child, RJ lived in many different parts of South Dakota, which is what brought out his passion for helping Abbott House serve children across the state. During his three terms on the board, RJ helped us expand to the Black Hills, as well as gifted a large amount of his time and legal services to Abbott House, for which we are forever grateful. RJ is a dedicated leader demonstrated by his service as the Board President for his last term. To show our appreciation for RJ and all he has done for our children in the last ten years, Eric Klooz, Abbott House executive director, presented RJ with a unique Abbott House collage signed by our children.

Thank you, RJ, for all you have done for our kids, and all that you will do in the future!



# 85 Years Strong

Abbott House first opened in 1939 as a safe place for orphaned children. It was named after Grace Abbott, an outspoken advocate for children in the early 1900s. Grace Abbott helped shape the original Child Labor Laws and the landmark Social Security Act which became law in 1935. She died in 1939 before ever seeing the agency that bears her name.

Since opening, Abbott House has served thousands of children from across the state first as an orphanage and safe haven for boys and girls, then as a group care facility, next as a treatment program for adolescent South Dakota girls, and finally, in the 1990s, as a psychiatric residential treatment program for abused and neglected South Dakota girls. Since then, Abbott House has expanded into therapeutic foster care and provides an independent living program.

Abbott House plans to celebrate its 85th anniversary with a special event in the fall of 2024. Watch your mail and social media for more details about this special celebration.



## Brandon Jones' Jam Set to Benefit Abbott House children



Get ready for an unforgettable night as Abbott House announces a special Rapid City concert this summer: Brandon Jones' Jam on May 18!

Brandon Jones, a well-known Rapid City musician and radio personality, will perform with his band, singing some of the Black Hills' finest country music. Along with Brandon Jones, concertgoers will be treated to the 90s vibe of another popular local band, Flannel. The stage is set for a memorable night!

This year's concert is not just about the music—it's a celebration of community and giving back. All proceeds from the event will be shared between Abbott House and Badges For Hope, a local nonprofit dedicated to fostering positive interactions between the community, particularly youth, and first responders.

This marks the second benefit Brandon has helped organize for Abbott House and we are thrilled to join forces once again. Last year's concert, featuring an incredible lineup of Brandon Jones, Rowan Grace, The RathCo, and Mixed Nuts, was a huge success, raising over \$10,000 to help children heal.

Join us at the Central State's Fair Nerdy Nuts Expo building (formerly the Soule building) on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm for an evening of song, dance, and great fun! Tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door. Get your tickets at [www.abbotthouse.org](http://www.abbotthouse.org), email [alexandria@abbotthousesd.com](mailto:alexandria@abbotthousesd.com) or by calling 605-996-2486. Let's come together, make a difference, and create lasting memories at the Brandon Jones' Jam - where music meets heart!

## Everyone Needs an Estate Plan – Find Out How to Create Yours!

Everyone needs a long term plan that clearly outlines your wishes, regardless of your income or situation. You can learn the basics during a free estate planning workshop on June 4th at 5:30 pm at the BankWest North community room in Mitchell. During this workshop, you will learn what every family should do to protect your home, retirement investments, and children, and pass on a legacy you've spent a lifetime trying to build. This free workshop will focus on several estate planning topics including power of attorney, trusts, and wills. You will receive materials that can be used in your own individual and/or family estate planning. This workshop is presented in partnership between the South Dakota Community Foundation and Abbott House. Please contact Virginia Wishard Lambert at [vw Lambert@abbotthousesd.com](mailto:vw Lambert@abbotthousesd.com) or 605-996-2486 for more information or to register for the workshop.





# Abbott House Expands Foster Care Program in Sioux Falls



With more than 1,647 South Dakota children currently in foster care, there are still children waiting for foster families. In May 2023, the South Dakota Department of Social Services asked Abbott House leadership to consider expanding its therapeutic foster home program to the Sioux Falls area. The Abbott House Board of Directors approved the program expansion project and a \$2 million capital campaign was kicked off in November 2023. At the time of printing, Abbott House needs to raise \$111,151 to complete the campaign.

Using capital campaign funds, we have acquired two existing 6 - 7 bedroom homes and are remodeling them to fit our needs. Abbott House **does foster care differently**. We hire a married couple to live in each foster home and provide a family for up to six foster children. In addition to parents, Abbott House provides additional therapy, support, and other services to the youth in our foster homes, along with a salary and benefits, emotional support, and monthly respite time for the married couple.

If you interested in supporting this project or curious about this type of foster parenting, please contact Virginia Wishard Lambert at 605-996-2486 or [vwilambert@abbotthousesd.com](mailto:vwilambert@abbotthousesd.com)

## Abbott House Opening WellHouse Pizza Truck Partnership

The WellHouse Pizza truck, an idea originally born from Abbott House to help youth learn workforce skills, will hit the road soon. Thanks to a wonderful partnership with WellFully and Fork Real, both of Rapid City, this unique program will help even more at-risk youth enter the workforce with the skills they need to be reliable employees.

This project creates an entrepreneurial experience for youth to learn business management, organizing and operating skills. Students will be required to complete the application and interview process. In addition, they will experience the creation of a small business, including money management, supply, marketing, menu development, pricing, customer service, scheduling, and health and safety standards. Students will also develop leadership skills needed to run a successful enterprise. This will be a youth-run, adult-supervised business. The program offers youth a chance to prepare for the future with life and job skills training. Every young person, regardless of their background, deserves to work towards a brighter future and reach their full potential. WellHouse Pizza will help young people develop the work ethic and skills needed to ensure they thrive.

WellHouse Pizza will partner with Fork Real during its launch period to access employee training on choosing the menu, food preparation, customer service, and scheduling the trailer. The trailer will be open during the summer of 2024.



# Are You Ready for Some Golf?



It is time for our second annual Hitting for Hope Golf Classic and some exciting events have been added. Plan to spend the day golfing, having fun, meeting new friends, and helping the kids at the Abbott House.

The Hitting for

Hope Abbott House Classic is an 18-Hole, 4 Person Scramble. It is a great way to raise money for the children and families at the Abbott House in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Mitchell, SD. Please join us on August 19 at 9:00 am at the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course in Rapid City for a Shotgun Start tournament. Thanks to Dream Design International and the Eagles Club Aerie 355 of Rapid City for helping us create a great tournament and helping young people heal.

## DETAILS:

- \* **When:** Monday, Aug. 19, 2024
- \* **Where:** Arrowhead Golf Course  
3675 Sheridan Lake Rd  
Rapid City, SD
- \* **Registration/Check-in:** 8:00 am
- \* **Breakfast:** 8:00 am
- \* **Cash Bloody Mary/ Mimosa Bar:** 8:00 am
- \* **Shotgun Start:** 9:00 am
- \* **Box Lunch:** Ready for pickup any time after 10:30 am

## RULES:

- \* 4-Person Teams
- \* 18 Holes
- \* Scramble: 2 Putt Max
- \* 5 Mulligans per team
- \* \$800 Entry Fee per team (includes 5 mulligans, golfer gift, breakfast, and lunch)

## AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

- \* Premier - \$10,000
- \* Lunch Sponsor - \$3,000
- \* Hole and Team Sponsor - \$1,500
- \* Teams of 4 - \$800
- \* Hole Sponsor - \$800

# EmpowHer Winner will be drawn May 25th

It has almost been a year since the girls at the Abbott House started their 2023 Helping With Horsepower™ Bike Rebuild project. What began as an old, dirty bike has turned into a beautiful, shiny masterpiece at the hands of our kids. This 2007 Harley Davidson Road Glide, named EmpowHer, represents all the children who have experienced a harsh beginning to life and the resilience, determination, and hard work it takes to heal from that. When all is said and done, the final product, whether it is a bike or a child's life, is stable, strong, beautiful, and healed.

You can take EmpoweHer home! Abbott House is currently selling raffle tickets for this newly rebuilt motorcycle. All funds raised through this effort will be used to provide therapy and education to Abbott House children, including the very children who worked on this bike! Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You can purchase your raffle tickets by returning the form attached to this story, visiting our website at [www.abbotthouse.org](http://www.abbotthouse.org), or calling us at 605-996-2486.

The 2023 Helping With Horsepower™ Bike Rebuild raffle drawing will take place on **May 25th, 2024**, at the Memorial



Weekend in Mitchell event on Main Street. Abbott House will close online ticket sales at 12pm CT that day. Get your tickets now before it's too late!



## To order tickets

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

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# Around the House



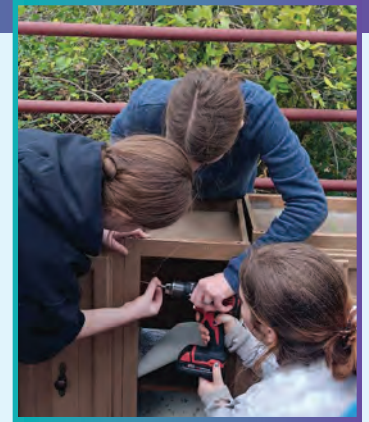
A young lady gets a special present from Santa.



This young lady is haunting our halls with her scary pumpkin!



Northridge Baptist Church members spent an afternoon decorating cookies with our kids!



Abbott House girls spent a weekend helping Crystal from Reclamation Ranch get ready for her annual Phobia Haunted Trail attraction!

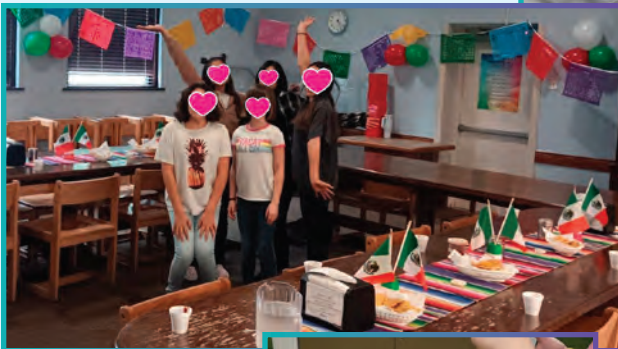


Abbott House is working to expand its therapeutic foster care program in the Sioux Falls area with the purchase of two existing homes.

Foster dad Charlie hopes he's been good enough for Santa this year!



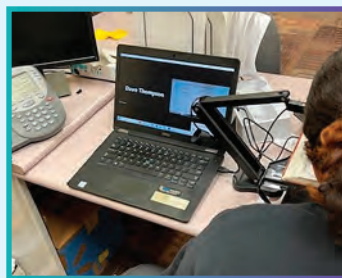
The Mitchell Modern Woodmen group donated almost all the books on our book wish list!



Each month the Abbott House Student Council prepares a special dinner to recognize their peers for the hard work they do in school and in their programs. This month's theme was Mexico!



Abbott House girls practiced their baking skills when making pumpkin and banana bread for donors.



Dave Thompson won't let distance stop him from tutoring children! Here, he is calling in from Arizona to help a young lady with her math homework.



A young lady signs the Abbott House Tree Mural after successfully completing her program.



Abbott House staff surprised the girls by dressing up for Halloween.





Justin Warner, who is a chef, cookbook author, and appeared on Food Network, spent several days teaching our foster kids how to cook!



We want our girls to know that college is a real, viable option for their futures, so we took them to check out the DWU campus in Mitchell!



Mikala, an Abbott House Alum, advocates for Abbott House during the Sioux Falls Expansion Launch event.



These two girls are singing a duet in their classroom's talent show.



Fusion Church members spent their Sunday playing volleyball with our girls!



Megan, an Abbott House alum, found herself needing a little help to get out of a difficult situation. We helped Megan apply for a Fairy Godmother's Grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation. Megan was able to use those funds to move herself and her son into a safe home!



The girls take a break from cleaning up the front yard by jumping in their leaf pile!



Girls compete against each other during the Halloween Party to find the most gummy worms in their pies without using their hands!



Abbott House girls help set up Christmas lights for the season.



The vendors at the Holiday Arts Christmas Craft Show at the Masonic Hall were so impressed by our girls, they decided to bring a special "market" to Abbott House for the girls to pick out free Christmas presents for their families!



One of our Sensory Assistants, Emmarie, is teaching some of our girls how to play piano—music can be a great sensory tool!



# Meet our New Board Members

## Jennifer Kirby

Jennifer Kirby brings personal foster care experience to the Abbott House Board of Directors. Jennifer was born and raised in Sioux Falls, even earning her degree in economics from Augustana University. She went on to earn her Master's in Business Administration at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

After marrying her husband, Joe Kirby, Jennifer moved to California where she and Joe raised three beautiful girls. While California was sunny and warm, Jennifer and Joe both knew that it couldn't compare to the community they knew in Sioux Falls. The pair moved back to Sioux Falls in 2011, and Jennifer began building connections in the community immediately. Since then, Jennifer has

assisted with Sioux Falls projects such as Levitt at the Falls, the Kirby Place, Avera's Light the Way campaign, and the Kirby Dog Park. Currently, Jennifer is on the Avera McKennan Board of Trustees, The Hope Coalition, and serves as Chair of the Sioux Falls Parks Foundation.

Jennifer is familiar with the stories many of our foster children have -- she and Joe adopted two of their children. "I wanted to serve on the Abbott House Board because I've learned through our daughters what life is like for foster kids and how much support they deserve and need," Jennifer explained, "I want to do my part to help them and the best way I can do this is through board service and financial support."

## Josey Blare

Josey Blare started her first term on the Abbott House Board this year and is eager to share her skills and knowledge to push Abbott House to be the best it can be. Josey grew up on a farm and ranch northwest of Winner, South Dakota. She went on to earn her BA in International Studies and Native American Studies from the University of South Dakota. During her time in college, Josey assisted with research on the Lakota language and interned at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Billings, Montana.

After graduation, Josey spent her summer as a participant in the Native American Political Leadership Program through George Washington University, where she had the opportunity to intern with United States Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto of Nevada. Following this unique experience, Josey earned a degree at the University of South Dakota

Knudson School of Law.

Currently, Josey serves as a panel attorney under the Criminal Justice Act. This is where she learned that while she had a fortunate upbringing, others in the Sioux Falls area did not, and that had lasting impacts on their lives. "A former client was the same age as me," Josey shared with us, "and they came from the same community I had. But they had a different childhood, and as a result, we had completely different experiences up to that point and would have entirely different opportunities in our lives going forward."

This was one of the main motivators behind Josey joining the Abbott House Board. "I cannot help but think how different their life could have been if something changed in their childhood," Josey continued, "Abbott House can, and does, truly change lives, and it would be my honor to be apart of it."





## Jan Quenzer

Jan Quenzer, a long-time advocate and supporter of Abbott House, has decided to take her passion for helping children even further by joining the Abbott House Board of Directors. Jan has a large heart for South Dakota communities and has spent time volunteering for different causes to make them stronger. Previously, she has been involved in several non-profits, including being the past chair of the Life Quest Foundation. Currently, Jan serves as Chair of the Avera Philanthropy Committee.

Jan spent most of her working career at Mitchell Technical College in Mitchell, SD. There, she worked in the office and saw thousands of young adults both struggle and succeed in school. Jan wanted to support the youth who

struggled in school, especially those from hard backgrounds who are less likely to finish school.

"Abbott House can make that difference and be that support," Jan said, "I feel that they are truly dedicated to the kids, and that's where I want to be."

Jan grew up on a farm in Eureka, SD, and graduated from the local high school. In 1969, Jan married her late husband, Harlan Quenzer, who was also a strong advocate for our children and served on the Abbott House board. Together, they have three children, all of whom followed in Harlan's footsteps and graduated from South Dakota State University. Jan now enjoys spending her days gardening and making memories with her six granddaughters.

## Skyler Mickelson

Skyler Mickelson rang in the new year by joining the Abbott House Board. Skyler was born and raised in Mitchell, South Dakota. Because of that, he has a special place in his heart for this town. "I want to actively support and build the Mitchell community," Skyler shared.

After earning his law degree at the University of South Dakota, Skyler returned home to Mitchell. He has been an active attorney with Morgan Theeler LLP since 2020. Here, his practice is tailored around transactional law, buying & selling, and estate planning. During the spring and summer of 2023, Skyler also

took on the role of Adjunct Professor at Dakota Wesleyan University to share his knowledge and experience in the legal profession with college students.

In his free time, Tyler serves as the secretary for the Mitchell Regional Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, as well as serving on the Mitchell Community Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.

We are excited to see what ideas Skyler will bring to the table and how he will help us strengthen our bond with the Mitchell community!





# 2023 Healing Society Members

## Guardian Angels

Dana and LaDawn Dykhous  
Larson Foundation of Brookings  
The Estate of Bernice Mabree  
DeMaris Paulson Nesheim  
Charitable Fund of the  
South Dakota Community  
Foundation  
The Denver Foundation -  
Bristin Fund  
Gopal Vyas

## Life Savers

First Interstate Bank of Mitchell  
Dr. Michael and Mary Fuchs  
John T. Vucurevich  
Foundation  
Maree Larson  
Olson Oil Co.  
Vern Eide Motorcars of Sioux  
Falls

## Heroes

Black Hills Federal Credit  
Union  
The late Pat Condo  
Dream Design International,  
Inc.  
The Joseph C And Katherine  
A Drew Foundation  
Janet A. Edinger  
Mary and Bill England  
Todd and Christine Ernst  
Charitable Fund of the  
Sioux Falls Area Community  
Foundation  
First Dakota Title  
First Interstate Bank of Rapid  
City  
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Rapid City  
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Trust  
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Foundation for Eastern  
South Dakota  
Performing Arts Center of  
Rapid City  
Plains Commerce Bank  
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The late Joan Rasmusson  
Dr. Elmo and Margie Rosario  
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Company  
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Avera Health

BankWest of Rapid City  
Christian Reformed Church  
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Tom and Charlys Dice  
Bill and Lisa Erck  
First National Bank of Mitchell  
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Platte  
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Club  
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Mitchell  
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First Reformed Church of  
Mitchell

First United Methodist Church  
of Mitchell  
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Bank  
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Eagles Club  
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Joy Prehn  
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James L. and the late Grace  
Radke  
Roger Rozeboom  
Rushmore Countertops  
Rushmore Lions Club  
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David and Rebecca Scott  
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Carolyn Stahl

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Tegethoff  
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United Methodist Women of  
Iroquois  
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Walmart  
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Wasserburger  
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Bargain Barn Tire Center  
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Scott Berg  
Dr. Mandi and Cris Bietz  
Black Hills VFW Auxiliary Post  
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The late Ardell Jorgenson  
David and Karen Jorgenson  
Matt and Stephanie Judson  
Jody and Kevin Kaas  
Delores Kafka  
Steve and Myra Kennedy  
Leo E. King  
Jan and Phil Kirch  
Kiwanis Club of Mitchell  
Wayne and Janet Klinger  
KLJ Engineering  
Mark and Rebecca Klumb  
Rick and Cheri Knight  
Knights of Columbus No. 5841  
Knollwood Heights United  
Methodist Church  
Donald and Lela Knudson  
Jenny Koerner  
Theresa and Richard Kriese  
Todd and Michele Lambert  
Nancy Lammers  
Jane and Bill Larson  
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Daniel and Jodi Lawrence  
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### Wish List for Abbott House Children:

- Arts and Crafts supplies (please no sharpeners, only washable and non-toxic materials useable)
- Small stress balls
- School Supplies
- Sports equipment – volleyballs, basketballs, badminton, pickle ball
- Newer Board Games- Pie in the face, Uno Attack, Sorry, Phase 10, Bounce Off, decks of cards, Mexican dominos, Skipbo, Yahtzee, Headbanz, Farkle, Escape Room, Pictionary, Emoji game, Rubix cube
- Essential oils: lavender and other calming, soothing or cheery scents
- Lotions with peaceful scents – anything soothing, calming or cheery
- Modeling Clay or Play Doh
- Posters for bedrooms (cute animals, inspirational)
- Fidgets
- Newer Wii and X-Box Kinect games
- Yard games
- Sudoku
- Stickers
- Sketch pads, stamps and ink pads
- Gift cards for Walmart, Maurices, Cato, Shoe Sensation, sports stores, fastfood restaurants
- Tickets to Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum of Natural History
- Gift cards for hair/nail salon

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- School Supplies
- Arts & craft supplies (stickers, paper, markers, pencils, glue, stencils)
- Movie tickets and/or movie theatre gift cards (for concessions)
- Play Doh or modeling clay
- Wireless Bluetooth headphones
- Barbies- House, clothes, etc.
- Bluetooth speakers
- Light up speakers
- MP3 players
- Dream Catchers
- Nerf Guns
- LEGO's
- PS4, Xbox, and Wii video games
- Sidewalk chalk and sidewalk paint
- New cotton underwear for youth and young adults
- Crochet and Knitting materials
- Puzzles
- Family pass to South Dakota State Parks
- Remote control cars