

# specific needs and work projects

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## phase one 80% complete

- ♦ Prayer for the project and for those who are helping to establish it within the community
- ♦ Forming of an advisory team that will help determine the needs of the neighborhood
- ♦ Construction and remodeling of student living spaces and kitchen
- ♦ Acquisition of appliances and other miscellaneous household items

## phase two 70% complete

- ♦ Advisory team begins making connections, listening to the needs of residents, and determining various outlets for service
- ♦ Cleaning and painting of student apartments
- ♦ Acquisition of furniture and household items

## phase three 50% complete

- ♦ Form partnerships with churches and agencies to bring about change and revitalization within Pettigrew Heights
- ♦ Start serving Pettigrew Heights through programs and other service outlets
- ♦ Begin bridging the gap between churches and residents
- ♦ Additional renovation and remodeling work
- ♦ Ongoing property maintenance and upkeep



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Just north of downtown Sioux Falls, beautiful Falls Park is a true convergence of human ingenuity and God's creative power. Recent developments, including a sturdy bridge, provide a picturesque setting in which to experience this true wonder of nature.

However, in Pettigrew Heights, a neighborhood located in the heart of

Sioux Falls, the beauty of God's creative power is found in the diversity of the people. In the neighborhood, which Mayor Dave Munson has targeted for revitalization, over one-third of the population is from minority and/or immigrant groups. Drugs, alcohol, crime, gambling, poverty, unemployment, and broken family relationships all have a devastating impact on this local community.

## an opportunity to serve

Over the last two years, Sioux Falls Seminary and its students have been investing a significant amount of time into the Pettigrew Heights neighborhood.

Time has been invested by:

- ♦ Offering courses that take place in Pettigrew Heights such as the *Homeless Immersion Experience* and *Walking with the Poor*
- ♦ Helping residents winterize their homes and beautify their properties

## the start of Summit House

Sioux Falls Seminary has always placed an emphasis on offering students practical, hands-on ministry experiences. Following discussions with Mayor Munson and other city officials, the seminary seized an opportunity to offer students a unique, first-hand learning experience and to be involved in the restoration of Pettigrew Heights.



In May 2008, the seminary purchased the former Summit Oaks building located at 12th St. and Summit Ave. and named it Summit House, a Bridging Ministry in the Heart of Sioux Falls. Through student experiences and the building, SFS hopes to help bridge the gap between churches and the neighborhood.

Summit House will provide affordable housing to as many as ten students who will, in return for reduced rent, spend at least five hours per week reaching out to and serving in Pettigrew Heights. Students will collaborate with local churches, organizations, and volunteers in the community and be under the supervision of:

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## becoming the bridge

How can the diverse people of Pettigrew Heights and other similar neighborhoods be reached for Christ? Sioux Falls Seminary and its students, especially those to be housed in Summit House, plan to explore creative solu-

tions to help answer this question. Students and other volunteers will become the bridge—connecting residents of Pettigrew Heights with local churches and community programs that meet their individual and personal needs.



## restoring hope

Long-term ministry partnerships with individuals and churches are being sought to help sustain Summit House. Basic needs at this time include:

- ♦ **Prayer Support** - pray for the project as it begins establishing itself within the community
- ♦ **Financial Support** - donations given to support Summit House at Sioux Falls Seminary are tax deductible
- ♦ **Work Teams** - volunteers are needed to help with service projects and programs, make connections with churches and agencies, and renovate and maintain Summit House.

## project support

Help from churches and ministries (local, national, or international) are welcomed. To support the ongoing ministry of Summit House or its work project phases, please contact:



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