What is Summit House?
Summit House at Sioux Falls Seminary is located in Pettigrew Heights, a central Sioux Falls neighborhood targeted for revitalization. The house provides an opportunity for students to apply what they are learning inside the classroom to life. This unique and practical living experience provides reasonably priced room and board at Summit House in exchange for 5 hours of service per week. The benefits: living in Christian community, making a difference in the lives of the poor, growing in your faith, receiving valuable first-hand experience, and more!

Why Summit House?
Courses that focus on relating and ministering to different populations can only teach so much. Nothing quite compares with the ability to put those principles to practice each and every day through life in the neighborhood. As a student resident at Summit House, you’ll not only become dedicated to sharing in the life of the at-risk, the homeless, and the working poor, but you’ll also provide outreach on behalf of the seminary.

If you feel called to outreach or community development, or if you are interested in learning about the fears, hopes, struggles, desires, and needs of people—life at Summit House might be for you.
Meet Mark and Joy Tracy  
MASTER OF DIVINITY STUDENTS

As distance students, we visited Summit House during January Term and soon decided to make the move to Sioux Falls from Webster, SD. On April 1, 2012, we became residents of Summit House! Since then, we have felt nothing but blessed. Summit House is a beautiful blend of personality, ministry, sharing, and caring.

One of the things we like the most about living at Summit House is the opportunity to connect with the residents of Pettigrew Heights on a personal level. We are making sure that people know they are not invisible. Our neighbors have names. For us to pray for ‘Freddy’ is much more specific than to just pray for Pettigrew Heights. Our experiences here will impact how we do ministry no matter where we go after seminary.

Meet Jesse Walhof  
MASTER OF DIVINITY STUDENT, SUMMIT HOUSE RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Although I’m feeling right at home at Summit House, I have not always had a place to call home. Being homeless off and on throughout my life, the streets have become a place where I feel comfortable. A place where I can find peace within the chaos. It might sound crazy, but I have often sought out poor neighborhoods to live in because it is easier for me to relate to the people who live there. Life at Summit House is now providing me with a great way to get to know the community and the people I feel called to serve.

Living at Summit House is giving me strength. I’m serving as a member of the street outreach team through the Volunteers of America Bowden Youth Center. Whether helping serve meals or simply asking individuals about their lives, my work takes me into the heart of the community. I spend a lot of my time walking around the community to find people who are in need of food, shelter, or education. And, every couple of nights, I go on prayer walks around the neighborhood to pray for anything and everything within the community.

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