

Santa's House 2016

416 Jackson Street in Downtown Sioux City

Santa's House, the effort of St. Luke's Partners and volunteers has become a favorite Siouxland tradition for many families. We love greeting people who remember coming to Santa's House as children who are now bringing their own babies to see Santa!

Each November and into December, a downtown Sioux City space is transformed into a North Pole wonderland, boasting:

- ◆ Santa's Gift Shop – "Elves" help children select and wrap gifts for their family members. Santa's gifts are under \$10.00 and usually at least 50% off retail. Most are actually \$5.00 or less, making shopping affordable.
- ◆ Santa – While children visit with Santa, photographers snap and print photos for a small charge – much less than having a photo elsewhere. We are able to print 4 x 6's, wallets or 8 x10 photos. Families also have the option to use their own cameras for a requested free will donation.
- ◆ Raffles – We have fabulous raffle baskets and prizes including a Riccar Steward Broom Vacuum, LAMB Theatre tickets, rounds of golf w/cart, a Kitchen Aide Mixer, an original painting, restaurant gift certificates and more! Tickets are only \$1.00 so are affordable for everyone.
- ◆ Crafts – Free holiday craft projects provide fun with glue, glitter, markers, craft sticks and foam shapes. Children enjoy making simple gifts for parents and grandparents.
- ◆ A Keepsake Ornament – For the first time, Children may make a dated "Keepsake" ornament or craft for a small charge.
- ◆ Photo Opportunities: take a family picture in the Santa's House Sleigh or become the face on the elves standee for a fun holiday memory.
- ◆ Mrs. Santa's Kitchen - Mrs. Santa and elves frost cookies and simmer hot chocolate for guests. Some guests purchase our famous cookies by the dozen!
- ◆ Story Corner – Children may sit in a cozy nook and listen to traditional Christmas stories.

Santa's House is open four days per week, 6 – 8 Tuesday and Thursdays; 10 to 4pm on Saturdays; and noon to 4pm on Sundays. We are especially proud of our "Special-Needs Days", when hearing-impaired children are provided the special accommodation of a signing Santa in the morning and otherwise challenged children are invited to their own special session at Santa's House in the afternoon.

Santa's House is an important way for St. Luke's Partners to raise funds for Children's Miracle Network, college scholarships, Pet Therapy, Caring Clowns, Junior Volunteers, Comfort Care Blankets, and more. This project also provides other positive benefits to St. Luke's, our volunteers and the community:

- ◆ Family fun – for visitors and for the volunteers who often work alongside their spouses, friends, children or grandchildren.
- ◆ An inexpensive holiday tradition – even low-income families are able have a fun experience and purchase gifts for the whole family.
- ◆ A heart-warming experience for volunteers - those who work Santa's House are eager to help next year. Santa's House provides needed service opportunities for a number of area schools and other organizations.
- ◆ Each year 3,500 – 4,000 visitors descend on Santa's House. (Not including the hundreds of volunteers).

2016 Santa's House Dates:

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Call 279-3220 or email Diane.Wheeler@unitypoint.org for more information or to sign up to volunteer!

Grand Opening –Monday, November 21 – 7 – 8pm

Saturday, November 26 – 10 to 4

Sunday, November 27 – Noon to 4

Tuesday – November 29– 6 to 8pm

Thursday, November 1 – 6 to 8pm

Saturday, December 3 – 10 to 4

Sunday, December 4 – Noon to 4

Tuesday – December 6 – Special Needs day – Hearing impaired in the morning (Quota club staffs this) &
Other-needs children 3:30 – 5pm (Tent)

Tuesday – December 6 - 6 to 8pm

Thursday, December 8 – 6 to 8pm

Saturday, December 10 – 10 to 4

Sunday, December 11– Noon to 4

Tuesday – December 13 – 6 to 8pm

Thursday, December 15 – 6 to 8pm

Saturday, December 17 – 10 to 4

Sunday, December 18– Noon to 4

Tuesday – December 20 – 6 to 8pm

Thursday, December 22 – 6 to 8pm - Closing