

Hi, my name is Joan Giebink. I am Doc Giebink's daughter. My dad is the man who donated the land, aided and supported the fundraising, and served on the boards of many of the nonprofits on 51<sup>st</sup> St. in Sioux falls.

First I'd like to speak about a couple of misconceptions the public has about the proposal to gift the ice rink to Glory House. First, the city paid only \$1 for the ice rink back in the late 90's. Originally the city was also to pay Sioux Falls Youth Hockey, and possibly others as well, an additional \$100,000 for 5 years for lost revenue to them from rink advertising signage and concessions which they would no longer receive. It actually turned out to be less than that and is held in trust at the Sioux Falls Community Foundation which distributes the income yearly to the organizations to pay for ice time at the new Scheel's ice complex. The second point I want to make is I don't believe the ice rink land has any extra value because it lies on the future 49<sup>th</sup> St. expansion. I have always been told there will be no on/off access on 49<sup>th</sup> St. on that stretch. That means any new owner would still have to use 51<sup>st</sup> for access to the property...thus not actually raising the value of the land.

Now I'd like to tell you about my dad's relationship with the Glory House and the ice rink. His relationship with Roger Frederickson and the Glory House began when both of our families grew up together near Park Ridge in the 50's and 60's. We also attended Roger's church. Later when Roger came to dad about his land on 51<sup>st</sup> dad gladly donated the land for a much-expanded Glory House. He also helped with the fundraising and served on the board. Dad was a firm believer in "second chances" for everyone, the mission of the Glory House.

Now about the MIRC, as I still call it when it was owned by the nonprofit Minnehaha Ice and Rec Center. What a great group of guys they were, mostly gone now. They were so eager for indoor year-around ice they even mortgaged their homes to help pay for the building. I was told they met with my dad for breakfast sometime in the mid 70's hoping to find a sympathetic ear and maybe get

a piece of land at a reduced price. After eating and chatting, one member came out bluntly and asked him if he would donate land for an indoor ice rink for youth hockey and figure skating. He immediately said yes since he also believed kids kept busy in sports get into less trouble. The MIRC got the land for free.

My dad donated land and money and time to the Glory House and the MIRC and a number of other Sioux Falls civic and charitable organizations. He did this because he believed that he could improve our community and the lives of our citizens. That's why giving the ice rink to Glory House is something that my entire family supports, because it 'pays forward' the wonderful gift my dad made 40 years ago, and would benefit the city for years to come.

Thank you.