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CELEBRATE!!

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Easter holiday celebrating family, the beginning of spring and most importantly the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! His resurrection speaks to our hearts of renewal of our mind, body and spirit, just as the earth is renewing its beauty in an abundance of color. It is a great reminder to praise him for His presence, His glory, and the beauty he manifests upon the earth. As we hear the robins tweet, and see buds poking out of the ground and on limbs, I pray that your spirit is awakened and renewed as well.

Spring is such a time of celebration and energy. Cornerstone Rescue Mission felt that celebration and energy at our Cornerstone Celebrates banquet in March. We had a wonderful evening honoring the homeless in our community, our wonderful donors and hearing words of encouragement from our speakers. The Pennington County Sheriff's Honor Guard kicked off our program as we gave honor to God and our country. Dr. Mark Harlow highlighted all six of the programs we operate in our four facilities in town: Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Cornerstone Women & Children's Home and Daycare, Cornerstone Apartments and Cornerstone Thrift Store. All operate successfully due to the caring hearts of our donors - thanks for being part of our guests' successes! Christine Siim received the Doug and Abbie Thrash Spirit of Volunteerism Award for conducting weekly art classes for our Veterans and other guests; Dr. Chad Carpenter received the Board of Directors Appreciation Award for 10 years of compassionate service and care for the



Mayor Steve Allender spoke on Homelessness as a Community Issue.



Attorney General Marty Jackley gave a powerful message on substance abuse in South Dakota.



Generous silent auction donations.



Fun items in the banquet boutique store.

homeless; and Black Hills Community Bank received our Cornerstone Spirit Award for conducting a diaper drive for the last seven years to benefit homeless children and their families. Francis Kaufman, Navy Veteran and former resident in our Veteran's Wing, spoke of his journey in recovering from addiction and finding full-time employment, restoring his family and moving into his own home. Mayor Steve Allender discussed how homelessness is a community issue and we are all stronger working together. Attorney General Marty Jackley, our featured speaker, spoke of how important mental health and substance abuse treatment is for all citizens, and his desire to expand these services across the state. A special acknowledgement was given to the Rapid City Police Department and Pennington County Sheriff's Office for their concern for the welfare of all citizens, and their diligence in ensuring the homeless are taken care of in bitterly cold weather.

Cornerstone has much to celebrate and so many in the community have such concern for the care of the homeless. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the neediest in our community. Enjoy the spring weather, listen for the robins and rejoice in God's goodness!

Peace, Lysa



A GRATEFUL VETERAN

We got this kind note from a Veteran that had stayed with us. Todd is doing great and we wish him all the best as he continues his journey.

To the Gracious Staff At The Cornerstone Mission,

Thank You For ALL The Help, Jokes, Laughter, Comment, Answers, Smiles, Guidance, And even The Nightly PBT's That For My Own Good For the Last 9 months.

Food, Shelter, Clothing and All The other Good Things You All Did Was Greatly Appreciated And Humbly Accepted.

Tony, Mike, Joe & Joe Crawford, Brian, Ben, Ron, Pete, Morris, Lee, Kyle, Charles,...

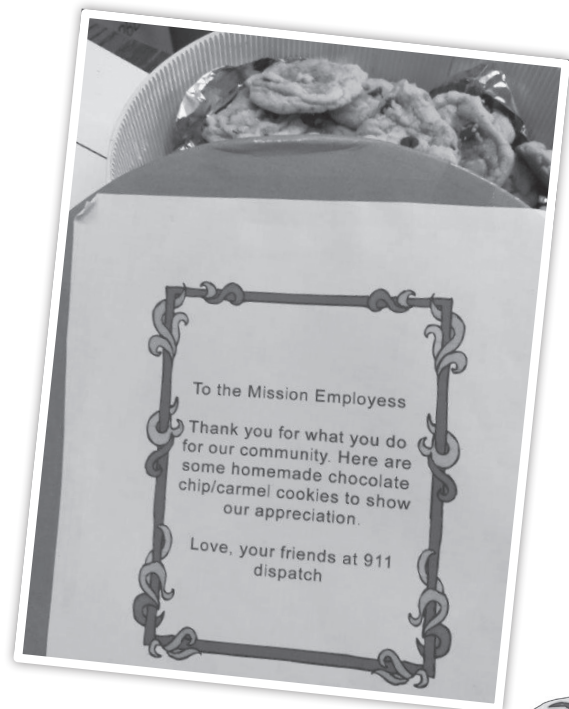
Thank You Again From A Grateful Veteran

Feb. 8, 2018

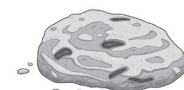
Todd Krantz

PENNINGTON COUNTY 911 DISPATCHERS BROUGHT DONATIONS

They also brought homemade cookies for the staff. So thoughtful!



Awesome cookies from our 911 dispatch friends!



Cornerstone Rescue Mission's

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Place: Terra Sancta Retreat Center
2101 City Springs Road • Rapid City

When: May 19th • 8:30 a.m.

Come join us for a Breakfast Buffet and a celebration of all the wonderful Volunteers who support Cornerstone!

**Please RSVP to Deb by May 7th at 718-8712
or dberg@cornerstonemission.org**



Hope to see you there!



A CAR FOR GIL



Gil and his new wheels.

Who gives away a car? - Roger Heacock, that's who! Roger very generously gave Gil Conrad, one of our residents at the Cornerstone Apartments, a 1997 Ford Taurus with only 78,000 miles on it. That is quite a gift! Gil is a trucker by trade but recently had to take a break because of his wife's health issues. He is planning to return to trucking very soon. Maryann, program manager of the apartments, tells me Gil is very helpful around the apartments, overseeing the laundry room, helping clean apartments, shoveling snow, and lending a helping hand wherever needed. Maryann says ***"Gil is such a giving person who never expects anything in return."*** He is the perfect recipient of this car. We want to thank Roger again for blessing Gil and his wife with this vehicle!

Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

**30 Main St.
KITCHEN:**

Fruits and vegetables
Eggs, Milk, Coffee, Sugar,
Oatmeal, Pancake mix
Cream of Mushroom
or Chicken soup

MISSION:

Foot powder
Towels, twin-sized blankets
Twin-sized sheets
Cold weather outerwear
Reading glasses
Men and women's long
underwear,
Bottled water for sack lunches
Personal hygiene items
for men & women
Backpacks

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

401 - 11th Street

Beds, household furniture,
household appliances,
kitchen items, home décor

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, Eggs
Milk, Cereal
Sandwich bread
Butter, Sugar
Laundry/dish soap,
baby wash/baby lotion
Kleenex, Clorox wipes
and Personal hygiene items

VETERANS

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Shoes & boots, thermal
underwear, sugar/creamer,
antiperspirant, lotion,
backpacks, coffee

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap
household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:

Gas cards, oil changes,
laundry & dish soap, toilet
paper, household things

HAIRCUTS LIFT SPIRITS



Black Hills Beauty College staff enjoy Joe's pizza

Nothing feels better than a fresh haircut! Don't you just love getting your hair cut - having someone pamper you a bit? This is a luxury most of us take for granted - but certainly not the homeless. "Pampering" is not a reality in their world. But that's where our friends at Black Hills Beauty College come in. For many years they have been providing haircuts for the guests of Cornerstone. Joe, one of our awesome case managers, brought them pizza recently as a small token of our thanks for

all they do. Joe sent me this cute photo and the following note: *"Just a handful of awesome, awesome people that take care of our homeless community by giving free haircuts whenever we ask for them. The amount of confidence they provide just by performing this service is priceless!"* I think that note says it all. Thanks to everyone at Black Hills Beauty College for the love and pampering they show the guests of Cornerstone!



Did you know that if you are a member of Thrivent Financial you may be able to direct Choice Dollars® and Action Teams to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission?

For more information or to direct Choice Dollars, call 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice.®

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(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)