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## THE BUSINESS OF WHAT WE DO

As the President of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission Board of Directors, I continue to be amazed and blessed by the recent outpouring of generosity from many members of our community. Due to the closing of a few hotels that housed families with low incomes, the Mission saw a spike in the number of guests last year. The Mission faced the reality of providing shelter and other services to more people displaced by the closings.

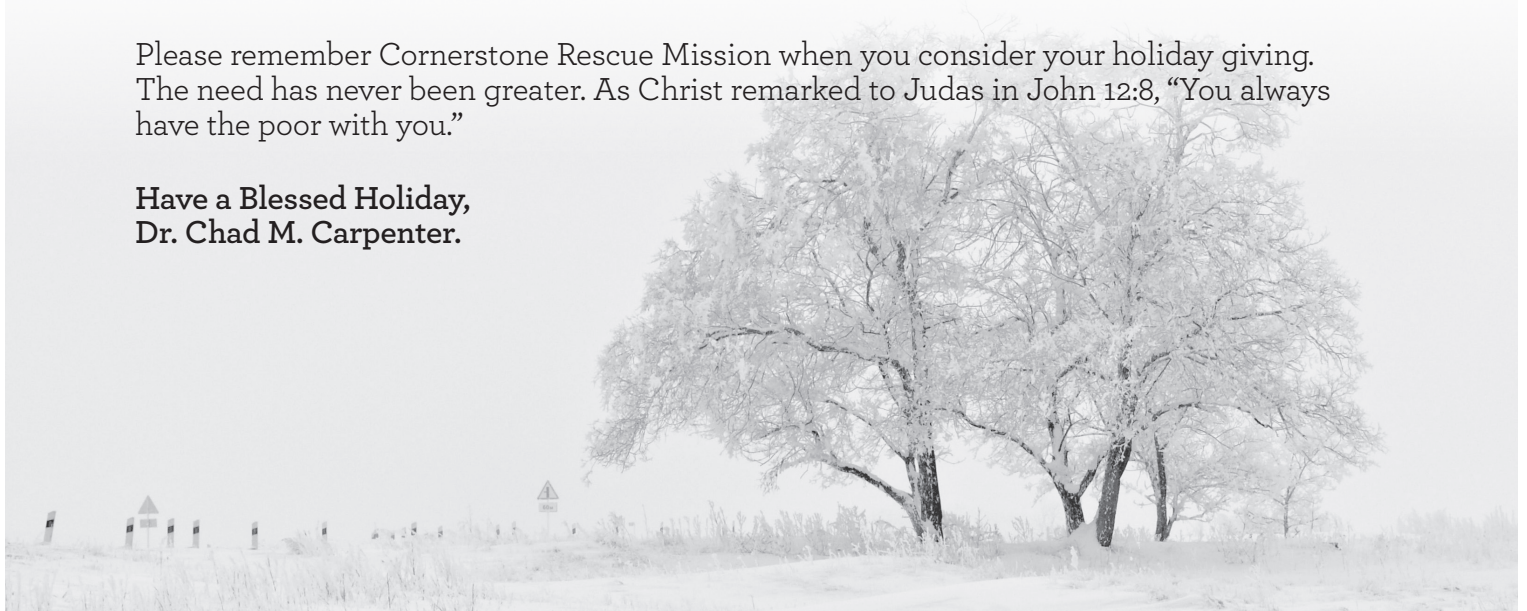
The challenge of meeting the needs of the homeless is that they don't pay for the services that they receive as would happen with other businesses. These are high needs individuals who are expensive to house, feed and work through our programs as we try to get them stable and self-sufficient. It takes man power and skilled staff to meet their needs and provide a safe environment for them to learn, heal and grow.

We do receive some federal funding, but it has been reduced significantly. Therefore, we rely heavily on private donations from individuals and our community. Without those private donations our doors would close within months as we would be unable to make our payroll and keep the lights on. The City of Rapid City has seen our struggle and has stepped up to include us in their yearly budget, but we are still running very short on capital to meet our expenses.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission is the only homeless shelter in Western South Dakota. We are the only non-profit who, with the help of generous churches and citizens, serves 3 meals a day 365 days a year to our guests and community members so they do not starve. We also put a roof over their head when they have fallen on hard times so they don't freeze to death, and we share the Gospel with them and give them hope.

Please remember Cornerstone Rescue Mission when you consider your holiday giving. The need has never been greater. As Christ remarked to Judas in John 12:8, "You always have the poor with you."

**Have a Blessed Holiday,  
Dr. Chad M. Carpenter.**

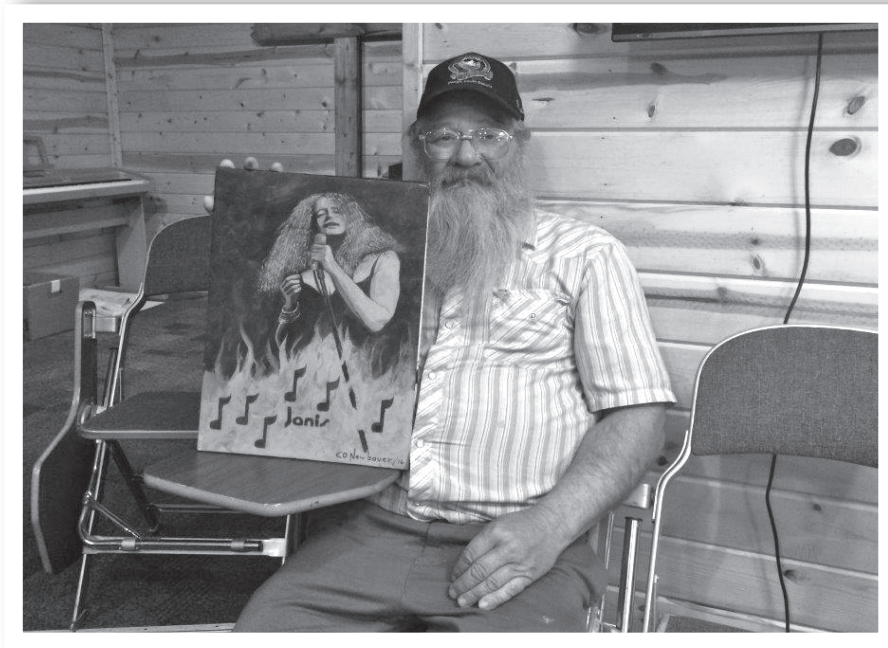
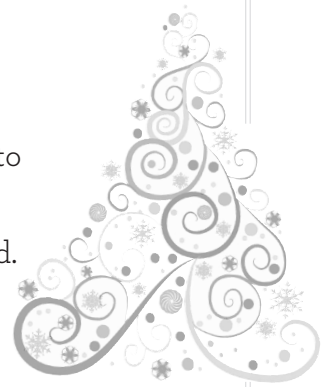


# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas to you and your families! We thank you for your continued support of Cornerstone Rescue Mission. With the closing of hotels, lack of affordable housing and a waiting list of 15 months to be able to get on low-income housing, the needs continue to grow as people have nowhere to go. Any support you can give us is greatly appreciated.

Be blessed and have a wonderful Christmas celebrating His Glory and Love for mankind.

Peace,  
Lysa



*Ed and his awesome artwork*



*Paul and Christine getting ready for class*

## ARTISTIC VETERANS

A few months ago I was approached by Christine Siim who had the idea of starting an art class for the Veterans. Christine has a Master's Degree in Art, with a long history of volunteering. Before retiring, Christine worked at Zion Lutheran Church and School. She comes from a family with many military ties and is familiar with the struggles that some of our Veterans face. The Veterans are enjoying their time with Christine and are tapping into otherwise unknown drawing skills. When I was talking to Christine about the art class she commented "People have a lot more talent than they give themselves credit for" and "that it takes courage to try something new - something out of your comfort zone".

We want to thank Christine again for this positive and fun class - and for caring about our Veterans! If anyone has art supplies they would like to donate to the Veterans, please drop them off to Jonna at 30 Main.

# CELEBRATING A VETERAN'S SUCCESS

Nick is a Veteran that has been in and out of the Veterans program at the Mission for the last three to four years. One of his biggest struggles was the no contact he had with his children. In the last few months Nick has found a steady job with the help of the Supportive Services for Veterans Families program, has moved into an apartment, and now is being allowed to see his son. He is excited about having more visitations with his son and credits Cornerstone and Teena Conrad, SSVF Program Manager, for helping him get his life back on track. Now isn't that a great story!

**Way To Go Nick!!**



*Nick and his son*

# ROCK LEGENDS ROCK IT FOR CORNERSTONE AND WAVI



We had so much fun on November 12th! Thrivent Financial brought Billy McGuigan's Rock Legends band to the Performing Arts Center and we had a blast! Concert goers were able to request songs and we had quite the range of music. It was amazing how close they sounded to the original bands! We had a great night and all the proceeds were split between Cornerstone and WAVI. Thanks Thrivent for bringing us this awesome event!



## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

This picture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Elders makes me smile! Rhonda, the kitchen manager, always tells me what a fun group of guys they are and you can just tell it is true by this picture. She snapped a picture of them eating after they had gotten done helping serve a meal at 30 Main. *We love these guys!*



# GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

What's the easiest thing to buy as a gift when you have no idea what to get someone – Gift Cards of course!

Cornerstone receives so many generous donations during the holiday season – the generosity of people is truly amazing! One thing we fall short on though is donations for older children – the preteen and teenagers. We are hoping to gather \$10 Walmart gift cards so these kids can buy something for themselves – because we all know how particular teenagers are! If you would like to help us reach this goal, please mail the cards to P.O. Box 2188, Rapid City, SD 57709-2188, Att: Deb



*Thanks for caring about all the kids of Cornerstone!*

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## Needs List

### MEN'S MISSION

*30 Main St.*

#### KITCHEN:

Fruits and vegetables  
Eggs, Milk  
Coffee, Sugar  
Breakfast meats  
Cream of Mushroom  
or Chicken soup

#### MISSION:

Towels, Blankets  
Twin-sized sheets  
Cold weather  
outerwear  
Vacuum cleaner

### VETERANS

*30 Main St.*

Shaving cream &  
razors, shoes & boots,  
backpacks,  
underwear &  
T-shirts, coffee

### WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

*301 Fox Run Drive*

Coffee, Eggs  
Milk, Cereal  
Sandwich bread  
Butter  
Laundry/dish soap

### APARTMENTS

*1220 East Blvd.*

Dish soap  
household cleaners  
**ADOPT A FAMILY:** Gas  
cards, oil changes,  
laundry & dish  
soap, toilet paper,  
household things

### DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

*2901 Wisconsin Avenue*

Baby wipes & pull-ups  
Food processor  
Canned or fresh fruits  
& vegetables  
Infant swing  
Infant bouncer  
Hand or electric air  
pump  
Small microwave

### CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

*401 - 11th Street*

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



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**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION**

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