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## A GRATEFUL HEART

Winter is definitely here! While many think of the winter as a cold, dull time of year, it is truly a time of stillness and preparation for rebirth. Everything is resting until the weather warms up and an abundance of God's beauty and creation will burst forth in beautiful colors this spring. It is the same with our hearts. Spending time in God's word and in prayer is our human form of stillness and preparation for rebirth. As we study His Word, pray and contemplate, we are in a time of stillness. As we let his Word soak into our minds, body and heart, we leave refreshed and reborn to go and handle our particular situations with renewed energy. The more time we spend with God, the more our hearts are filled with gratitude and we can even begin to see our troubling situations in a new light and with a calmness of spirit that allows God to swoop in and help us. Winter is a perfect time to be still, contemplate and count our blessings.



Cornerstone has much to be grateful for and we are excited for what the year holds. 2017 was a great year, but we are expecting 2018 to be even better. On March 10, Cornerstone will have our annual banquet, Cornerstone Celebrates, where we give glory and praise to God, our community, our donors, our guests, and our combined ability to transform the lives of the people who come for our services. More information about the banquet is in our newsletter and we hope to see you there.

We have so many blessings to count thanks to people like you. We wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for your hearts to serve the poor and the neediest in our community. Our hearts are grateful that you are part of the Cornerstone family! Be blessed, stay warm and spend time with our true Valentine, Jesus!

Peace,

Lysa

## CORNERSTONE CELEBRATES 2018 BANQUET

The Cornerstone Celebrates banquet is coming up soon!

This year we are honored to have Marty Jackley, South Dakota Attorney General, as our speaker. The banquet is March 10th at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, with hospitality hour at 5:30 pm and the dinner/program starting at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Yes! I want to attend the *Cornerstone Celebrates* banquet!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults • \$45 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Table of 8 • \$320

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed for Tickets

I can't attend but would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and your check by February 26th. Limited seating. Tickets will be mailed out. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

# GRAMMA'S DELICACIES

## FOOD TRUCK

### ROLLS INTO THE MISSION

A food truck rolled into 30 Main – How amazing is that! I will tell you who is amazing – Joe, Angelique, and Wanda Mills – such lovely people! The first part of December Joe and Angelique brought their food truck to the back parking lot of 30 Main and, with help from their daughter Wanda, served up great Cajun and Jamaican food to our guests – for FREE. It was a blast! The weather was nice, the food was great, and our guests totally enjoyed the experience! The Mills family are so warm and loving – a real joy to be around. I would highly recommend that you check out their Facebook page “Gramma’s Delicacies” to learn more about them and to find out where they are serving food. They also sell homemade spices, sauces, jams, soaps, lotions, and the cutest wool hats, scarves, and purses. Such a talented and loving family!



*Gramma's Delicacies food truck*



*Joe, Wanda & Angelique Mills*



*Rapid City Central High School did their annual sock drive and collected 1,700+ socks. This was their 20th year - How cool is that!*

## A NOTE FROM AMY

When we get notes from previous guests, letting us know how well they are currently doing, these notes are like GOLD – so precious to us! It reminds us that we are on the right track and that Cornerstone truly helps people – many people! Here is one such note I received on Facebook.....

*“I just wanted to drop a quick note to the staff at Cornerstone. I have come along way since my stay at the Mission and the year I chose to be homeless on the streets. I live in Pierre and have held a full-time job and maintained my own apartment for a year and a half now. I often reflect back on the year I chose to be homeless on the streets in Rapid. I was a lost soul who had almost given up on myself and my life. God never left my side and I never gave up on myself or him. I thank God everyday for his protection and guidance through my struggles during my hard times. God Bless you all at Cornerstone. Maybe, I can come share my story with others someday at the Mission. I will definitely stop by and volunteer in the future. As I feel I need to give back. Thanks Again. Amy”*

I asked Amy if I could share her note and she heartily agreed. Thanks Amy for reminding us how Cornerstone redirects lives and we are so proud of you for your success!

# CHRISTMAS STORE AT THE WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

The kids of Cornerstone did not have to go to a store to do their Christmas shopping - the store came to them! Danielle Giuseffi and a group of her friends collected over 400 items to create a store at the Women & Children's Home. Each child was given coupons to purchase four gifts for family members and friends. A "personal shopper" helped them pick out their gifts and St. Thomas More students wrapped them. The children were also able to pick out a gift for themselves. All this took place in a wonderfully decorated room with hot cocoa/treats and craft activities for the kids. The "personal shoppers" also selected and wrapped a gift for each of the ladies living at the house. This event was crazy amazing and we send a huge THANK YOU to this awesome group that made it all happen!



*The awesome Christmas Store crew!*



*St. Thomas More wraps gifts.*



*Our awesome Mary Kay group brought gifts for all the ladies at the WCH & even the staff. How thoughtful!*



*Our friends at TREA bring stuff for the Veterans. So nice!*



*Susan Hardina from Duhamel Radio dropped off blankets from their blanket drive to the Women & Children's Home. Thanks everyone!*



*Carters donated 40+ pair of pajamas to the Women & Children's Home. What a warm comfort to our kids!*



*Gretta from Spearfish Methodist Church dropped off some beautiful quilts and afghans. They are true works of art!*



*Patricia at the Women & Children's Home made this horse sculpture out of paper. WHAT!!! So talented!*

# 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, Socks  
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

30 Main St.

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

## APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap  
household cleaners

### ADOPT A FAMILY:

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



The 5th grade Sunday School class of Zion Lutheran, along with a donation from Walmart, made care bags for all the guests of 30 Main. So sweet!



The Salamun family provided Christmas breakfast again - their 20th year. Such an amazing family!



Jason Salamun  
- Grill Master!



Freedom Church brought gifts for all the children at the Cornerstone Apartments. The kids loved it!



The faithful RC Regional Airport crew whipping up breakfast. Love these guys!



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