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A Grateful Heart

Winter is upon us! 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. 2020 was an interesting year for everyone, and we are grateful for a new year filled with hope and healing for everyone!

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!

CHARITY NAVIGATOR

RECOGNIZES THE CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

AS A 4-STAR RATED CHARITY

APRIL 1, 2017

Peace, Lysa



Great Western Bank started a program called Great Gifts of Gratitude to honor local heroes who are going above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. Two people connected with Cornerstone were honored with this award: Lisa Tognotti - Cornerstone Kitchen Manager, and Mark Harlow - Cornerstone Board President. Kim Panton, Cornerstone Admin Assistant, nominated them both and here is the nomination she submitted for Mark:

"I feel Dr. Mark Harlow has gone above and beyond in helping people affected by COVID 19. Not only is he seeing patients, he arranged the rental of motel rooms for infected individuals, arranged meals to be brought in, and arranged for regular healthcare visits to the infected. He also took calls way into the night to deal with maintenance issues such as leaking water,



clogged toilets, etc. at the motel to avoid exposure to motel staff. He was also first on the scene when residents tested positive at the Cornerstone Women & Children's Home, leading the disinfectants guard and clearing of the facility. He has instructed staff on proper techniques and also regularly disinfected the motel to maintain a safe environment for all. This is probably not exactly what he signed up for in medical school but he is certainly leading by example and showing how one single person can make a difference. Dr. Mark Harlow is not only the Chief Medical Officer for Oyate Health Network, he also serves as the President of the Board of Directors at Cornerstone Rescue Mission, and is a die hard supporter of Special Olympics. He always finds time to take that one more call, one more thing, and one more meeting - and has set the bar for a great human being by putting others ahead of himself. God Bless you Dr. Harlow!"

Thanks Dr. Harlow for all you do for the guests of Cornerstone and the Community! And thanks to Great Western Bank for honoring local people that are going above and beyond during the COVID pandemic!





Freedom Church brought gifts for all the kids at the Apartments. They are such good friends to everyone at the Cornerstone Apartments!

Black Hills Community Bank Provides Diapers During a Difficult Year



Our friends at Black Hills Community Bank usually do a yearly Diaper Drive for Cornerstone. But, as you know, this was not a regular year and they were not able to do it in 2020. This did not sit well with our friends and they surprised us with a \$3,000 check to put towards the purchase of diapers and baby items. Good friends come through when the going gets tough and we can always count on Black Hills Community Bank to do exactly that! Thanks!



Bryce, Lynette and Jared Quaschnick brought very useful items that Shepherd Of The Hills Lutheran Church of Lead gathered. Thanks to everyone who donated! Lynette is also part of the group from that church that provides meals at 30 Main for our guests – Nice!

The Sundance High School FCCLA Chapter gathered items for our guests. So thoughtful!







2020 CORNERSTONE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix, cream of mushroom or chicken soup, cereal, egg noodles.

<u>MISSION:</u> Foot powder, towels, twin-sized blankets, twin-sized sheets, reading glasses, bottled water for sack lunches, personal hygiene items for men & women, backpacks.



Rhonda Williams from the American Legion Auxillary, Spearfish #164 dropped off Christmas gifts to Teena and Amber for the Veterans that are staying at Cornerstone. How thoughtful of them!







sock drive for Cornerstone. We want to thank all of the students and faculty of the Lemmon High School for thinking of the guests of Cornerstone! Socks are always something our guests can use!



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church had a mitten tree & donated many warm items & small quilts to our guests. How awesome!



Jay Salter and Jacki DeMarce from Edward Jones, along with their generous clients, came together again this year to donate toys to the children of Cornerstone. They brought a lot of nice toys and really helped fill the bag of toys we give each child. Thanks to Jay, Jacki, and everyone who donated!

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME - **301 Fox Run Drive**

Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal, sandwich bread, butter, sugar, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wash, baby lotion, kleenex, clorox wipes, personal hygiene items.

<u>CORNERSTONE THRIFT</u> <u>STORE</u> - **401 - 11th Street**

Beds, furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, home décor.

<u>VETERANS</u> - *30 Main St.* Shoes, boots, sugar, creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee.

APARTMENTS - 1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap, household cleaners, toilet paper, laundry soap.

ADOPT A FAMILY Gas cards, oil changes, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, household items.