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Thank you very much to each and every person who donated gifts, made financial contributions or volunteered their time to Cornerstone over the Christmas holiday. Our children had a wonderful Christmas. We were able to provide gifts for all the children, along with gifts for all guests in all of our programs. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season with family and friends and that your new year is off to a good start. 2019 was a blessed year with new challenges and opportunities. We were able to open up the south wing of the Women & Children's Home and use it to its fullest capacity. We continue to strive for safety for our guests and staff by only allowing guests to sleep on the floor during weather emergencies, and we have seen the positive fruits from that decision. Our guests are finding work and we are moving more and more of them into housing they can sustain.

One issue that arises regularly is the misunderstanding of the mission's future with One Heart. Many assume that we are moving onto the One Heart campus and we are not. One Heart is a wonderful program offering transitional housing, but it is not a homeless shelter. Of the \$5 million dollars in vision funds given to One Heart, Cornerstone does not receive any of that funding. Because many community members assume we are part of that funding package, our donations have declined. We still need you to help as many of you have done for the last 37 years.

As you visit with your coworkers, family and friends, please help us set the record straight. The homeless numbers continue to increase, and many see those individuals intoxicated downtown. They are not associated with the Mission. We do not allow intoxicated folks at our facility and those staying with us are working or looking for work as they make plans to move forward. While we mention these things in the local media, we still don't get to relay that message to everyone in the community. Thank you for your kindness! Your generosity is warming hearts and saving lives this winter.






# 19 Years and Still Going Strong

19 years - That's a long time to keep up a tradition. Fay Swenson (Avon Representative) and her friends have been making Christmas bright for the children of Cornerstone for all those years! Fay, with the help of Helen Snyder, Remax Results, Crescent Electric, Safe Touch Massage, Deb Malott of Century 21 Clearview and others purchased the Avon stuffed animal of the year - Finley the Fox - for every child of Cornerstone. Also included in the cute cloth totes are Avon daily needs products, a handmade blanket, and a Christmas card. GG Bunnie and Bunnie Sue put many hours and much love into making the cloth totes and blankets. Deb Malott helped Fay

pack all the totes. So many people come together every year to keep this tradition alive. We thank Fay and all her friends for making this Christmas a special one for the children of Cornerstone!

*Deb Malott & Fay Swenson with Finley the Fox. How cute!*



We so appreciate the staff and students at Black Hills Beauty College! Whenever Joe, one of our case managers, calls them they are always willing to cut the hair of one of our guests. This makes it easier for our guests to find employment, boosts their self-esteem, and it demonstrates to them that many people in our community care about the homeless! Joe brought the students and staff pizza - just a small token of our appreciation for this great group of people!



The Disabled American Veterans Northern Hills Chapter 11 donated \$1,000 to the homeless veterans program at Cornerstone. Ed Simpson, Dick Turnwall, John Price & Dennis Cutschall presented the check to Teena Conrad, SSVF Program Manager. Many thanks to this group for supporting the veterans who seek help at Cornerstone!





Our residents at the Cornerstone Apartments were thrilled when Jake Schouten, Chris Deitz & Doug Curry from the Rapid City Regional Airport brought over the ingredients for 10 full Thanksgiving meals. This took a huge burden off of 10 families living in our apartments. Thanks to everyone at Rapid City Regional Airport for this generous gift!

Robert Rodriguez graduated from the Love Inc. Christianity Explored class. He is shown with his sponsors Valerie & James Bartley. Way to go Robert!



Western Dakota Tech Student Advisory members donated all the fixings for 8 Thanksgiving meals to the apartments. Thank You!



Regional Health Medical Clinic has started doing an ongoing clothing & food drive for Cornerstone. So awesome!



Cass Schimmel (4th from the left) graduated from the Nutrition On A Budget class. Congratulations Cass!



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# Gift Baskets Needed for the Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet

In preparation for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission's biggest fundraiser of the year, Cornerstone Celebrates, we are asking churches, businesses, or any interested parties to put together a gift basket to be sold at our silent auction that evening, March 7, 2020.

I have been amazed in the past by the generosity of the people who put such great items in these baskets and by the creative people who decorate them. We hope that your group will come together and take on this fun project.



Contact Deb for more information:  
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We were blessed to have Alexandra Schmitz choose Cornerstone as her Sturgis Brown Senior High Project. She organized a clothing drive at Piedmont Valley Elementary and Stagebarn Middle School. With the help of the generous students and staff, she was able to bring in many bags of clothing and also some personal care items. She is pictured above with her mother, Leslie Leibold, and Lysa. Thanks Alexandra for organizing this clothing drive and to everyone who contributed!



Needs  
List:

Thank You!!

MEN'S MISSION  
30 Main St.

KITCHEN

Fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix  
Cream of mushroom or chicken soup  
all kinds of meat.

MISSION:

Foot powder, towels, twin-sized blankets, twin-sized sheets, cold weather outerwear, reading glasses, bottled water for sack lunches, personal hygiene items for men & women, backpacks.

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE  
401 - 11th Street

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

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 and personal hygiene items.

VETERANS - 30 Main St.

Shoes, boots, thermal underwear, sugar, creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee.

APARTMENTS  
1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap and household cleaners.

ADOPT A FAMILY

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

**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!)