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ENJOY HIS GIFTS!

As the growth of spring transitions into full-blown summer, I am always amazed at the beautiful creation that surrounds me. One need only step out the door of the home to see God's masterpiece of the earth - the gentle breeze, the smell of lilacs and other flowers, the birds chirping and squirrels running around. Life and beauty is all around us, if we take the time to look at it. While physical creation was important to God, he needed someone to inhabit his earth.

God's greatest masterpiece is humanity. We are his most prized possession. Nothing he has ever created in the earth can compare to even one of us. When we look at the world collectively, that may be hard to comprehend, but when we spend one on one time with Him, worshipping, praying and listening, we can get a glimmer of how important we are.

God is in the details. Not only is he concerned about bringing beautiful sunrises and sunsets to us as a daily gift, he wants us to slow down and appreciate the abundance of beauty that surrounds us. He also wants us to slow down and nourish the relationship we have with Him and the people he has put in our lives. We often overlook the sunrise, the gift of a good friend, the preciousness of spending time with Him and pouring out everything on our hearts to Him so he can heal and bring blessings. Those are the small details we often feel we don't have time for, but they are what sustains us. God wants to help us in every way possible so our hope is that you slow down, spend time with God, loved ones and His creation. Enjoy his gifts!!



ALONG THE WAY

Black Hills Fox just did a story on one of our employees, Lee Morgan, and I wanted to pass it along. It's an awesome story and we are so proud of Lee!

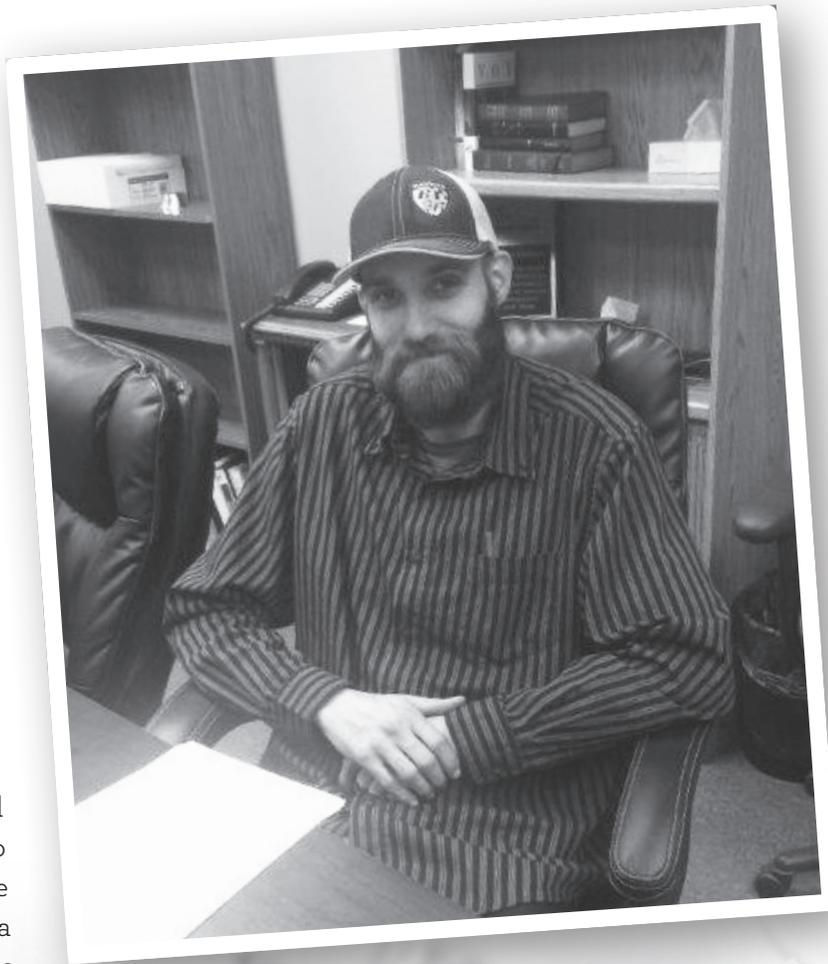
Lee grew up in Baltimore under rough circumstances. His father physically and verbally abused his mother, which caused her to leave the family when Lee was four years old. His father then turned his abuse to young Lee. Lee has memories of waking up to his father stomping on him. Lee relates "When I was about 11 or 12 I actually wasn't allowed to eat the food in the house, so I used to go to the store and actually steal my own food."

Lee dropped out of school in the 10th grade but got his GED. He went on to serve two years in the Army; but one thing led to another and he ended up on the streets of Baltimore living under a highway bridge. He would spend a night or two per week at a shelter and was homeless for a year and a half.

Lee came to Rapid City a year ago to "start over" because Rapid City "was a smaller city, not as

many people, with a good unemployment rate, and low crime". While staying at Cornerstone for 2½ months, things started to fall in place. He got hired at Burger King and was able to save enough for an apartment, with the SSVF grant administered by Cornerstone paying his security deposit.

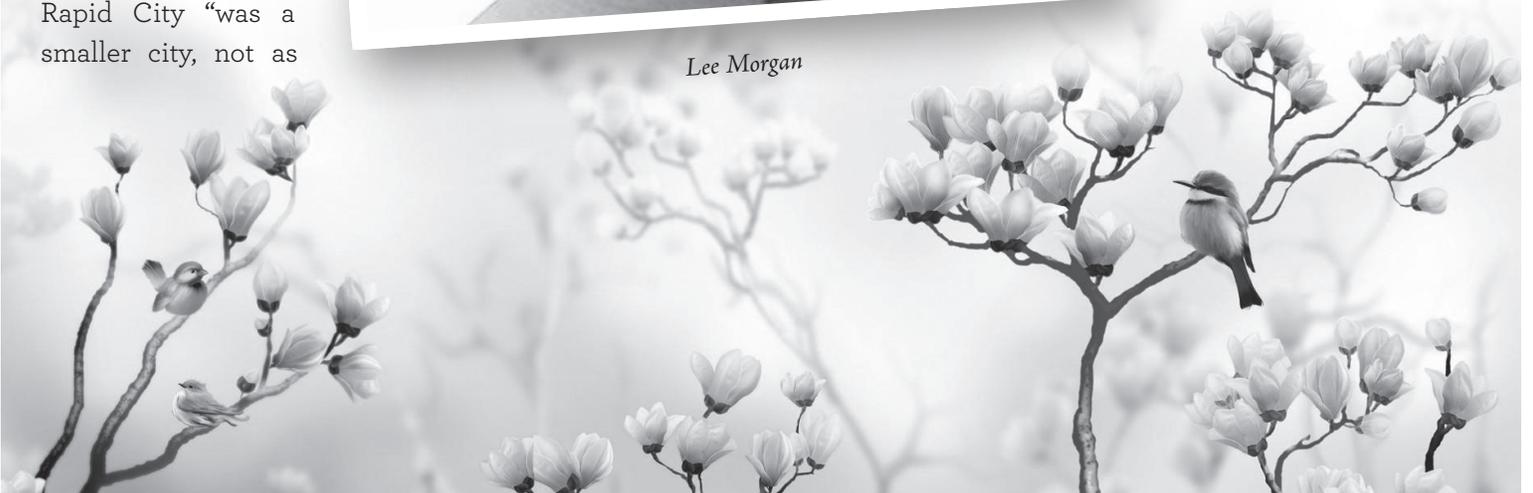
In February Cornerstone hired Lee to be the 3rd Shift Supervisor, from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Lee usually comes in early and leaves late, often-times giving guests rides to appointments and job interviews after he gets off work.



Lee Morgan

In closing his interview with Black Hills Fox, Lee said "Hopefully I'll be here for a while, hopefully staying in Rapid City, being able to retire here, and actually start a family, and live out the rest of my days, that would be nice."

Now isn't that a cool story! We are so proud of Lee, how he survived adversity, how he has progressed so far - and we are so happy that he is now part of the Cornerstone family. His story reminds us what an impact Cornerstone has on the lives of so many. We thank you for coming on this journey with us!





Andrew Weishaar



Changing The Gray Street Outreach group drops off donations.

NEW UNDERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIVES BACK

It's always nice to get donations but it is especially fun to get donations from students! Andrew Weishaar chose Cornerstone for his Senior Experience class at New Underwood High School. Andrew created a box and collected donations from his fellow classmates and faculty at the high school. How fun is that! Thanks Andrew and everyone at New Underwood High School for thinking of Cornerstone!



The Cornerstone Apartments once again recertify for Crime Free Housing



Our Hill City Friends



Donations from Hill City

HILL CITY STRIKES AGAIN

Our Hill City friends were at it again! Sue Anderson extended an invitation to the Hill City community this Lenten season. Instead of GIVING UP something for lent, she challenged anyone interested in participating to GIVE something each day for 40 days, and place the items in a black bag. What a clever idea! Sue and her friends delivered 67 bags of items to the Women & Children's Home! The staff then went through these bags, kept everything useful to the ladies and children, and the rest was sold through the Cornerstone Thrift Store. The proceeds from the Thrift Store support the Women & Children's Home.

We want to thank the Community of Hill City, Sue Anderson, and her friends for once again loving the women and children of Cornerstone!

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MEN'S MISSION
30 Main St.
KITCHEN:
Fruits and vegetables
Eggs, Milk, Coffee,
Sugar
Oatmeal
Cream of Mushroom
or Chicken soup
MISSION:
Towels, Blankets
Twin-sized sheets
Cold weather
outerwear
Reading glasses

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

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
Small microwave

APARTMENTS
1220 East Blvd.
Dish soap
household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:
Gas cards, oil
changes, laundry &
dish soap, toilet paper,
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