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God Bless You.

UNITY

The new year has started off with a blast – really – a blast of colder than normal temperatures across the nation. While our community didn't get hit with the coldest of the cold, it certainly felt the bitter effects across western South Dakota. Something happens when the weather gets bad – whether it's frigid cold, tornados, flood, etc., these types of disasters are tough to go through, but throughout, the unity of the community and the neighborly spirit come out in full force.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has lots of great neighbors. We have the folks that live at our mission that take these times to really step up and assist others by giving away cold weather gear to those that must brave the elements to go outside for appointments. The guests step up to care for those who have health and other physical struggles. They step up to help staff who are overburdened and overworked to make their load a bit easier.

The worse the weather, the more engaged and neighborly our guests become. It's wonderful to see that community spirit become even stronger as they work in unity.

Our donors show a strong sense of unity too. When we put out a cry for more blankets, towels, coffee, etc., they respond! Their kind-hearted, neighborly spirit of wanting to give what they have to those less fortunate is always so needed and appreciated by our guests and our staff. As the only homeless shelter in west river, we meet so many needs due to the dedication of our donors and literally save lives. Thank you so much for your spirit of unity, compassion and concern, not only for our community, but for the individuals who need your help the most.



SHELBY RULAND BEHIND THE CAMERA FOR CORNERSTONE



Quite often special people contact me to do special things for Cornerstone. Recently Shelby Ruland, from the Wall high school, was one of those people. For her Senior Culminating Project she decided to do a video on Cornerstone and interview some of our employees. Shelby and I had such a fun morning going to all four of the Cornerstone sites. We toured the sites and she was able to interview various employees. In addition to using this video for her senior project, she also collected a cash donation for Cornerstone at a school concert.

After the staff viewed the video in our office, we were so impressed by it that we decided to use it at the Cornerstone Celebrates banquet in March. We thank Shelby for creating this video highlighting the homeless of the Black Hills area and letting us use it at the banquet. Mark my words, this young lady is Going Places!

PAJAMAS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF CORNERSTONE



Our friends at Carter's.

Ladies from the Scholastic Pajama Program brought in pajamas.

Who doesn't love a new pair of pajamas? Warm pajamas on a cold winter night – how comforting! Carter's clothing store for children and the Scholastic Books Pajama Drive made this possible for all the children of Cornerstone. Carter's donated 325 pairs of pajamas that had a total value of over \$2,000. The Scholastic Books Pajama Drive, through donations from students and staff at St. Elizabeth Seton and Robbinsdale Elementary,

donated 165 pairs of pajamas. That's almost 500 pairs of pajamas altogether – a LOT of pajamas for sure! Scholastic Books also donated 165 books to the Women & Children's Home.

All the children of Cornerstone thank everyone involved in this project for the gift of cozy new pajamas and books this winter. Jammies and books – what a great combination on a cold winter night!

A FUN SUPER BOWL PARTY



Our guests enjoyed the Super Bowl.

Gathering with friends and family to watch the Super Bowl is something most of us take for granted: the food, the friendly banter, just the sense of community and belonging somewhere. Where do you watch the Super Bowl if you are homeless? Two local churches came together to make it a special day!

The Bethel Assembly of God Church and Ellsworth Air Force Base Protestant Chapel joined forces to provide a special Super Bowl dinner. Bethel Assembly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and both groups provided side dishes. Our guests had a good time watching the game in the dining room while they dined on this special meal. Thanks to everyone in both groups for providing this special meal!



Bethel Assembly of God braving the cold to grill hamburgers & hotdogs.



EAFB Protestant Chapel serving the fun meal.











Francie Davis, Jana Morehouse & Elena Houk from Quality Services, Inc (Archeology, Architectural History, Geophysics, History & Paleontology) brought household items, clothing, personal care items, and Valentines for the ladies at the Women & Children's Home. So thoughtful of them!



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
Bottled water for sack lunches
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.

Shoes & boots, thermal underwear, sugar/creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:

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



Fawna Simcheck & Eric Gorsuch from the New Alternatives Program at Lutheran Social Services brought donations. So thoughtful!

The Spearfish Unit 164 Women's Auxiliary group brought Valentines & items for the Veterans. Thank you!

Think you can't change the future? THINK AGAIN Leave a Legacy

There are a number of ways that you can become a Cornerstone Rescue Mission Foundation supporter, and, at the same time, realize favorable tax and estate planning for you, your family, and your heirs:

Assets Your Legacy can Live On!

For more information on any of these options, or to schedule an appointment to discuss them, please contact Jim Castleberry, Cornerstone Foundation Director, at 605-209-0152 or jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org

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