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HAPPY 35TH BIRTHDAY CORNERSTONE!

What started out as a soup kitchen has evolved into an emergency shelter, veteran's program, soup kitchen, Women and Children's Mission, a Thrift Store and an apartment complex. We've seen a lot of changes over the last 35 years and have evolved tremendously. What has not changed is our desire to care for the neediest members of our community who range from infant to folks in their 80's. Many have faced or are in the midst of tremendous life changing trauma and are in need of the basics: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and love. We supply all of those and more with the love and grace of God, and with the assistance of our many donors. Lives are being transformed daily as they heal spiritually, mentally and physically and go on to find work and their own homes. Another thing that has not changed is the generosity of our donors who care as much for the homeless as we do. Thank you for your care, concern and support. We hope to continue to serve our community for another 35 years.

Please stop by for ice cream, cake and tours of our main mission on Monday, November 13th from 4pm - 6pm. This will be our kick off for the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week which highlights homeless and hunger programs and initiatives across the country the week of November 12-18. We would love to see your shining and smiling faces!!

Also remember our wonderful Veterans this month who have sacrificed so much for us. We have a fully operational Veterans Wing where we provide case management, classes, camaraderie and support for those who have served our country.

Peace, Lysa



CORNERSTONE WINS BIG

When ReMax Advantage throws a poker party they don't mess around - food, music, prizes - and when the chips settled they had raised over \$7,000 for Cornerstone! About 150 players filled the Moose Lodge for ReMax's second annual poker fundraiser and I hear that it was a great time. We feel very honored that they chose to help Cornerstone this year. We want to thank everyone at ReMax Advantage, their sponsors, individuals that did the food and music, Moose Lodge, and the players - everyone that joined together to make it a great night of blessing for the guests of Cornerstone! I would say Cornerstone was the big "Winner" of the night! Thanks!



ReMax Advantage

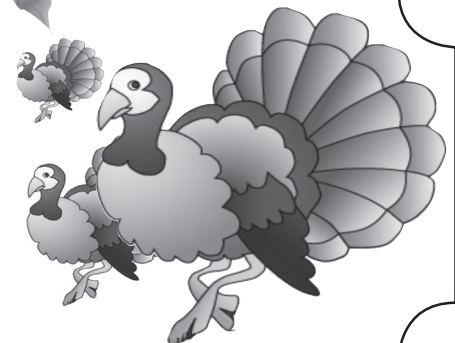


NEWSLETTER LADIES

It takes a lot of work to send out almost 3,800 newsletters every month and these ladies Make It Happen! (L to R): Cindy Schuman, Mildene Turpin, Margaret Rossknecht, Peggy Pientok, and Faith Houston come each month and stuff our newsletters, which takes most of the morning. They are part of the RSVP+ group but I call them the "Newsletter Ladies". They are the sweetest group of women and we love them dearly! Thanks ladies for your dedication to Cornerstone!

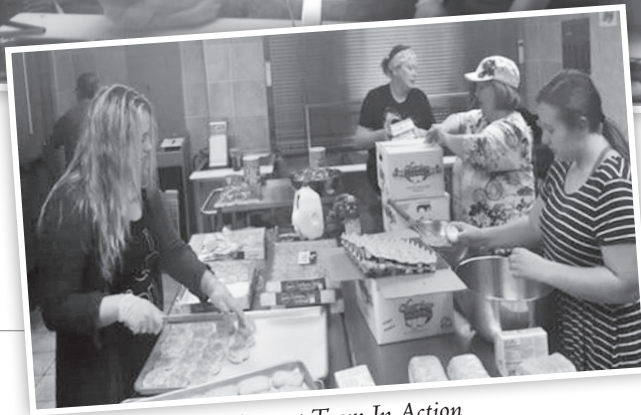
TURKEYS NEEDED

Cornerstone needs a flock of turkeys - the frozen kind. It takes about 30 turkeys to feed the approximate 300+ guests that we have at 30 Main Street for the Thanksgiving meal. Many of the needy in our community also join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and good food. Turkeys can be dropped off at 30 Main Street at any time. Thanks for helping us feed the hungry this holiday season.



A CARING AIRPORT

Doug Curry, Deputy Airport Director for Facilities and Maintenance at Rapid City Regional Airport, came to us with the idea of collecting the oversized toiletry items passengers must leave behind and donating them to Cornerstone. On top of that, he and his staff devised a plan to use the pocket change left behind in the gray bins to provide some breakfasts at the mission. As you can see by the pictures, their collection boxes are just awesome! For eight years the airport staff had been providing these breakfasts but due to the cost of \$200 per morning they were not able to do it as often as they wanted



Airport Team In Action

to. Now, with these change donations from the public, our guests at the mission will enjoy a hearty breakfast more often. Not only do they provide the breakfast but the friendly airport staff also make it and serve it. They serve biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, and fresh fruit to approximately 125 people.

Our guests are also benefiting from all the personal care products they are bringing in. These products are used at all three of our sites and are greatly appreciated by the many people we serve who cannot afford to buy such things.

We want to thank Doug, the staff at Rapid City Regional Airport, and all the users of the airport who have donated items or money. Such a clever idea with such a big impact!

WINTER IS COMING

Being homeless is always difficult but being homeless in the winter is especially difficult. Due to their lack of transportation, homeless people spend considerably more time outside in the bitter cold. Cornerstone is once again gathering coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, snow pants, overalls, and snow boots for women, children, and men (especially XL, 2XL, 3XL). These items can be dropped off at the Cornerstone Thrift Store at 401 11th Street and will be distributed to our guests. Thanks for providing “warmth” through the donation of a cold weather item!



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, 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
Laundry/dish soap
Baby wipes & pull-ups
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

CABELA'S GOES THE EXTRA MILE



Chrissy With Shoes She Gathered

Every once in a while Chrissy or Kate from Cabela's calls us and tells us they have shoes to donate. They do it with no fuss or fanfare, like it's no big deal - but it is a BIG DEAL! These are sturdy shoes and boots that people have returned and a lot of them look brand new. I can't even tell you what a blessing these shoes are. Some of our guests come in with such ragged shoes, some with shoes not appropriate for the weather, and some with no shoes at all! These sturdy shoes and boots are awesome - especially with winter right around the corner. Cabela's certainly goes the extra mile for Cornerstone and we thank them!



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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!)