

The Heartbeat of The Mission

Be a “Marty”

“Day of Excellence” was an event that was recently sponsored by the Leadership Rapid City class of 2009. In the process of planning this first-time event, their hope was that at least 300 people would attend. Their hopes were surpassed when more than 1,200 people shared in a day of inspiration, awareness and rejuvenation. Four speakers invited the audience to focus on various aspects of leadership in our homes, workplace and community.

One speaker, V.J. Smith from Brookings, invited the audience to be aware of the power of influence we each have by focusing on what he believes matters most... relationships.

V.J. shared how his life was changed by meeting a cashier named Marty who worked at the local Wal-Mart. Few people would think that a cashier at a retail store has much power of influence, but not so with



Marty. The amazing thing is that he did not gain influence with people by position or control. He had profound effect on people by valuing his relationship with each individual. He made the most of the time that he had with each customer by really listening to them and by sharing sincere personalized gratitude

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with them.

To make his point, V.J. threw “Thank You” cards to people sitting throughout the Rushmore Plaza Theater. He reminded everyone to make these two simple words a meaningful part of our interactions with people every day. You can learn more about this by reading his book, *The Richest Man in Town*.

This is a message that Jesus also shared with us. To love, care about, reach out to and value one another. When asked to cite some of our favorite passages in the bible, most of us would choose those that tell of Jesus pausing and taking time for what mattered most...relationship.

Those who come to Cornerstone walk through the door with very evident needs such as shelter, food and clothing. But their hidden hunger, the one that takes time to reveal itself, is relationships that are trustful, caring, responsive and sincere. We often hear them say “Thank you”. But even more importantly, we see it in their eyes and their body posture once they know they are truly being heard.

Thank you V.J. for this simple but powerful reminder of just how simple it is to truly value people. Thank you Leadership Rapid City for making excellence attainable for all of us individually and collectively. And, thank you to the 2009 Leadership class for your generous financial support of Cornerstone and the other nine non-profit organizations that were recognized for their effort to make a difference everyday in our community.

The new challenge for those who serve, at Cornerstone or anywhere else, is simple...“Be a Marty!”

Needs Lists

We are grateful for the support of this community throughout the year! Our current needs include:

Men’s Mission

Salt
Sugar
Coffee
Milk (fresh)
Eggs
Sugar
Butter
Men’s medium-size underwear
Creamer
Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Deodorant
Razors, shaving cream

Dear Ones Child Care

Diaper Genie inserts/refills
Dishwasher soap, powder or liquid
Gallon ziplock freezer bags
Plastic wrap

Women’s Home

Large trash bags
Tall kitchen bags
Bath tissue
Sugar
Flour
Laundry detergent
Fabric softener sheets

Apartments

Diapers (all sizes)
Shampoo & conditioner
Non-perishable food
Cleaning supplies
Towels & curtains
Pillows & sheets

Tin foil
Double-sided tape
Paper towels

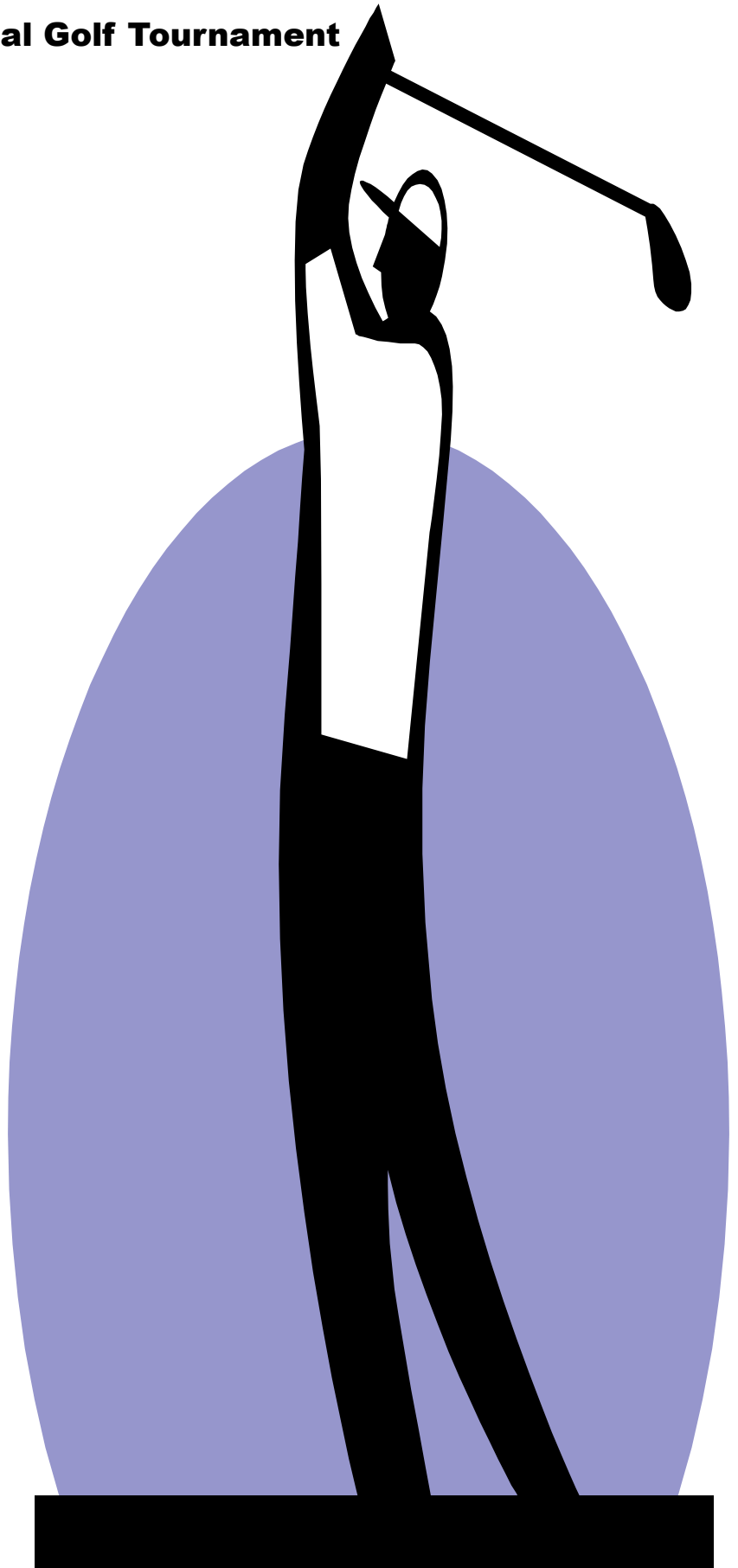
MG Oil Company 1st Annual Golf Tournament

The first annual MG Oil Company's golf tournament "Homeless but not Hopeless" will be held at the Elk's Golf Course on Thursday, June 10. We are beginning with an 11 a.m. shot gun start, and finishing with a barbeque and silent auction.

Some of the amazing prizes donated by Rapid City and the Black Hills area businesses include free rounds of golf at Arrowhead Golf and Country Club, Fountain Springs Golf, Meadowbrook golf course, and Red Rocks golf course.

We have some great "hole-in-one" prizes too, beginning with a free car! Rapid Chevrolet is giving away a 2010 Chevy Malibu. Other great prizes include a \$3,000 CD from Great Western Bank and gas cards donated by area businesses. Other prizes and silent auction items include golf bags, a weekend package at The Lodge in Deadwood, gift certificates for Desperados in Hill City, Chamber Bucks from Hill City, a one-hour Swedish massage, and many other fantastic items

We have been overwhelmed by the work and generosity of MG Oil Company and their staff with the preparations for this fun-filled event, and feel so blessed to have MG Oil's support and the support of so many business people coming alongside the Cornerstone Rescue Mission for this fund raising event. Thank you to all the donors who graciously gave!



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Full Circle

Sit down with Sharon Edwards and you'll be greeted with a genuinely endearing smile. Over coffee, she'll share an easy conversation about her involvement with Cornerstone Rescue Mission. "I first helped out a few months ago," she said, "when they were expanding the Thrift Store. I'd been in the old store a few times. The store is always so clean and nice."



Sharon's next project came last month when she helped with the fashion show. "I'm sort of an on-call volunteer," she says. *Sharon Edwards* "I don't really do anything specific, I just lend a hand when they have something they need extra help with."

Sharon's connection to Cornerstone can be traced back to its roots. Her mother, Freida Langley, was there when Dave Adams first began serving meals to the homeless in the city's parks. At least once a week, Freida would cook huge pots of soup to contribute to Dave's efforts.

"My mom was big into volunteering after she retired," Sharon recalled. "She was always visiting with people, or helping them with something, or praying with them. And even though she was doubled up real bad with osteoporosis, you never heard her complain. After raising five of us kids by herself, and working double shifts to support us all, I couldn't understand why she worked so hard after she retired. But it seemed to make her happy. She was always sharing her time and her faith with others."

Sharon Edwards now shares her time and her heart with others, just as her mother once did, in countless ways, including volunteering with her church. Her motivation reveals itself in one simple phrase: "I'm happiest when I'm serving somebody," she said with a warm smile. Such is the heart and soul of Sharon Edwards, and of Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

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(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)