



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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The Blessings of Volunteers

Every summer Cornerstone Rescue Mission is blessed to have many people volunteer at the various locations, helping with childcare, special projects, donations at the Thrift Store, and help with other areas of need. The week of June 20, the LOVE Rapid City volunteer groups, made up of people from three area churches - Fountain Springs Community Church, Westminster Presbyterian, and Crossroads Wesleyan - provided 367 individual volunteers who went out into the community working at over a dozen nonprofits or their ancillary facilities. A total of 1,488 serving hours were logged in just one week.

Another summer volunteer group is Youth Works, a nonprofit organization of junior high and high school students serving Christ through community service work. Trained Service Coordinators lead the kids on mission trips to 78 sites around the country. Youth Works leaders welcome a new group of 40 to 60 students to the Rapid City site each week from early June to early August. Nationwide, some 39,000 students are expected to participate during the course of this summer. Their help and work at the Thrift Store has been invaluable to us.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program group helps with stuffing and preparing this newsletter for mailing. Every month, about 8 to 10 wonderful RSVP ladies come to make sure this newsletter gets out, stuffing approx. 4,650 envelopes a month.

Cornerstone is blessed each day by the presence of volunteers. One of our greatest joys is witnessing the many ways that the Holy Spirit calls people to reach out to help by giving of their time, gifts, and passions. People commonly say, "I don't know if there is anything that I can do to help, but let me know if you need me." Our response to them is simple...we say, "Pray." For we know that when people are led by the Lord to serve in a way that he has uniquely prepared for them, they will be blessed in return and our organization will benefit in ways that we never fathomed.

Cornerstone is enormously blessed by the presence of a variety of volunteers. People from a number of churches in our area give of their time each month to serve meals at the mission. Who is called to serve? As followers of Christ, we all are. We all have something to offer. The only limitation is our willingness. We continue to have volunteers provide for the ministries here at Cornerstone. God continues to bless us through these wonderful people who so freely give of their hearts and their time. We cannot thank them enough for all they do and the different ways they help the Cornerstone Rescue Mission guests.



Members of LOVE Rapid City working with children and staff at Dear Ones Child Care.

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The HELP!Line

The 2-1-1 HELP!Line, a service of the Help!Line Center, is an information referral and crisis helpline that provides resource information on non-profit, social services, and government programs.

The center recently released a summary of calls for the Black Hills area during 2010. Shelter/Emergency Housing accounted for the fourth-largest increase in percentage of calls, increasing 13.68% from 2009 to 2010. Of the top five unmet needs (unmet needs are defined as when a caller has exhausted known resources, the caller is ineligible, or there are no programs to meet the caller's need) shelter/emergency housing was number two. The number one need was for financial assistance, specifically for transportation; help with rent/mortgage; other, such as moving, medical bills, or school supplies; and assistance with utilities.

In 2010, 2-1-1 made 10,987 referrals to Black Hills local programs, reporting that there are over 800 referral resources/programs in their database. The Cornerstone Rescue Mission was number 14 on the list of programs receiving the most referral calls. These statistics confirm that the number of people needing the services Cornerstone provides is continuing to rise. We thank our donors and the community for your continued support, which ensures all-around care – meals, shelter and other basic necessities – to Black Hill's men, women and children in need.

NEEDS LIST:

MEN'S MISSION

Meat – – Critical shortage
Coffee, creamer
Drink mixes, any kind
Sugar
Cheeses – any kind
Ground pork
Bulk breakfast sausages
Cuisinart Food Processor
(Side shooter)

Veterans - Phone cards,
bus passes

APARTMENTS

Bulk laundry & dish soap
Quart size Ziploc bags
Paper towels, napkins, tissue, toilet
paper
Pillows/twin/queen sheet sets/
mattress pads
Shower curtains, rods, & rings
Smoker's outposts
Gas cards
Bus passes

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

Wipes, paper towels, facial tissue
Craft supplies, washable paint &
paint brushes
Coloring books & crayons

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

Diaper rash cream, teething gel
Baby lotion, shampoo, & powder
Conditioner
Razors
Cooking oil/vegetable oil
Sugar
Coffee
Meat
Milk
Tums

THRIFT STORE

Plastic storage bins
Large rubber bands

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!)