



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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Summer Happenings at the Cornerstone Thrift Store

There is a great deal going on at the Thrift Store right now. We recently added several ways to recycle and are now recycling clothes, toys, shoes, purses, metals (through Pacific Steel Recycling) including damaged electrical cords and non functioning Christmas lights (for the copper), copper, brass, aluminum and all other scrap metals. We are working on creating local partnerships to expand our recycling in an effort to make some green by being more green.

Recycling starts from saving and not throwing away materials that can end up in landfills and turning it into reusable products. Some of the clothing is baled and plays a vital part in the ecosystem because it saves landfill space and helps other needy people. Currently we are sending some of the used clothing, shoes, and toys to the Philippines. There it is sorted and distributed all over the island for the poor and needy communities as an affordable and often only way to buy clothes, shoes and toys for Christmas. All the damaged or badly stained clothing is cut into wipers and rags for use by factories and municipalities. It also creates more jobs and opportunities for many underprivileged people of poverty-stricken towns and plays an important economic activity for the

region. The vast majority of the used clothing from the United States goes to southeast Asia, Africa and South America. As you can see, recycling that starts from here has good impact in our environment and people around the globe. We are grateful to Environmental Material Recovery, Inc. for their part in our recycling/going green!

CHECK OUT THESE JULY SPECIALS:

THRIFTER'S HAPPY HOUR

(Noon-1:00 PM
 Monday thru Saturday):
50% off STORE WIDE.

BOGO WEDNESDAY

Buy-One-Get-One on all clothing (excluding coats and hoodies).

MILITARY MONDAY

20% discount for veterans, military personnel & families with ID.

THANKFUL THURSDAY

20% storewide discount for all of our faithful customers!

TUESDAY SENIOR DISCOUNT

20% discount on all purchases for seniors 55+ with ID.

FRIDAY STUDENT DISCOUNT

20% discount on all purchases for students

BOGO SATURDAY

Buy-One-Get-One on all clothing (excluding coats and hoodies).

NEEDS LIST:

MEN'S MISSION

Meat -- Critical shortage
 Ketchup
 Coffee, creamer
 Drink mixes, any kind
 Sugar
 Juice/juice mixes
 Fresh, canned, or frozen fruit
 Cheeses -- any kind
 Vinegar (for salads)
 Ground pork
 Bulk breakfast sausages
 Veterans - Phone cards, bus passes

APARTMENTS

Bulk laundry & dish soap
 Quart size Ziploc bags
 Paper towels, napkins, tissue, toilet paper

APARTMENTS (CONT.)

Pillows/twin/queen sheet sets/
 mattress pads
 First aid supplies
 Plastic storage bins
 Shower curtains, rods, & rings
 20# propane tank
 Smoker's outposts
 Gas cards
 Bus passes

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

Wipes, paper towels, Kleenex
 Children's swimsuit & swim shorts &
 sun block
 Diaper cream, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6,
 & pull ups
 Camera
 Craft supplies, washable paint &
 paint brushes

WOMEN &

CHILDREN'S HOME

Diaper rash cream
 Baby lotion, shampoo, & powder
 Teething gel
 Conditioner
 Razors
 Antacids
 Size 4, 5, 6 diapers & pull-ups
 Oven cleaner
 Bleach
 Cooking oil/vegetable oil
 Sugar
 Coffee
 Meat
 Milk

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From an Intern's Perspective

Matthew 7:1 Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." NIV

"Once in each human life one should experience the sociological world of the homeless. The desperation and loss of control is unbearable to most, yet immersion in such a world has many lessons to be learned."

From what Kelly Avvampato said in a recent letter about her internship at the Cornerstone Women and Children's Home, she learned many of the lessons in the quote above. Kelly began her internship while studying human services at Black Hills State University and made many observations during her stay.

"For many of the homeless the Women and Children's Home is only a temporary stopping place, while for others it has almost become a way of life," Kelly observed. She also noted that there is a disproportionate amount of Native American women and children checking into the homeless shelter and she came to realize, through many conversations, that they do not feel the reservation provides a safe or stable environment, and that the Women and Children's home seems to be a safe haven that offers the stability and safety they might not otherwise get to experience.

"The women in the home have a variety of misfortune, from losing everything, including all their belongings, to various types of addictions and/or unwanted pregnancies and abandonment," Kelly further noted. She believes that because of the mother's predicaments the children learn a different way of survival. "Once exposed to the social welfare system, children can either strive to change their situation from the parental roles that they have observed or socially follow in the same footsteps," she added.

Kelly said she learned many different aspects of the procedures used to assist and integrate these varying personalities and lifestyles while working at the Women and Children's Home. "The staff members were wonderful teachers and trained me in a multitude of areas that are crucial to the success of the home and to the success of these women," she said. "Most important, in my belief, is to have an unbiased approach to each individual. The approach does not allow for any deviation in practices due to race, gender, or mental capacity."

While at the Home Kelly also learned the proper procedures for drug and alcohol testing, disbursing medication, intake, room check, and monitoring—all without making guests feel invaded and while providing motivation and encouragement. We thank Kelly for the reminder that we shouldn't make automatic assumptions and judgments of others and our treatment of others.

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!)