



*The Heartbeat of The Mission*

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## Financial Blessings for Little Ones



an offer to purchase. In our ministry, we often see the need before God gives us the answer, but we are so blessed by having the best and only omnipotent business partner. With the help of this grant and funds from the city's Community Development Block Grant, the Dear Ones Child Care program and building is now officially a part of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

The expense of child care is difficult for many families, and that is especially true for homeless families trying to get back on their feet. The parents need the assurance that the children are cared for while they pursue self-sufficiency; employment, permanent housing, or going back to school and working, too. Possibly more importantly, the children need the consistency of a safe environment. Their lives have seen more than their share of change and instability, and their parent's adversities have an effect on them. The Dear Ones Child Care program is earning their trust. They are discovering that the same wonderful staff will greet them daily and care for their needs. Both parents and children alike are beginning to experience the hope of a better future.

Cornerstone recently received a congratulatory letter from The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA) announcing that the Dear Ones Child Care program had been awarded a grant for \$30,000.

The Westminster Presbyterian Church here in Rapid City was instrumental in helping Dear Ones apply for the grant. When the grant application was submitted, it was not known if Cornerstone would be successful in purchasing the building currently housing our child care program. In typical Cornerstone style, we took a leap of faith and made

The letter from the Presbyterian Women, Inc., says "We are pleased to participate with you in ministry. May you be blessed as you continue to serve those in need."

Cornerstone Rescue Mission is very grateful for this blessing. Anyone who has visited the Dear Ones Child Care program will also walk away being blessed by the beautiful smiles and delightful laughter of the children.

# Cornerstone Apartments Garden Party

On Friday, May 6, volunteers from Four Front Design, residents, guests, and staff began the process of growing herbs and vegetables from the ground up. Four Front Design employees supplied the materials and time to build the 4' x 8' garden boxes. Under expert planting and arranging supervision of Bernie Steichen, the residents will be able to reap the benefits of their labor. This will provide the residents an opportunity to take ownership and truly understand healthy eating and developing firsthand what it means to experience "nutrition on a budget." We have residents who have stepped forward in watering the garden and will help contribute to the garden. Currently, there are carrots, chives, cilantro, green beans, lettuce, onions, oregano, peppers, and tomatoes.

Green beans, carrots, lettuce, cilantro  
Ready for cucumbers along sides and tomatoes in the back



Building Side: L-R tomatoes, onion, chives, peppers, oregano

## Four Front Design Employees



Lee

Bernie



Jessica



Gary



Residents,



Guests,



and Staff

# Helping Homeless Veterans

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff member to Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Lysa Allison is the new clinical director for our Veteran's Program. Jim Goodrich has moved into the position of operations manager for the Men's Mission.

Lysa has been in the Black Hills area for 20 years and has worked for Youth & Family Services and the Department of Corrections. Additionally, she has served as a missionary in South Korea, Paraguay and Mexico. Her role at Cornerstone Rescue Mission is to provide case management for the veterans staying in our program as well as to facilitate our Veteran's Administration grant and provide community education about our homeless veterans.

Also, Larry Pollard has a new position as a vocational rehabilitation specialist, and was recently hired by the Veteran's Administration. Larry has worked for Cornerstone Rescue Mission since February 2010 and was pleased to be offered the position with the VA. The focus of his new position will be to promote optimal vocational functioning of veterans, specifically attaining and maintaining competitive employment. Once the veterans are working, Larry will provide case management and mediate any issues that may arise with the employer or the veteran.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has approximately 50 veterans in its transitional housing program and can house up to 60. We recently added some female veterans to the guests at the Women and Children's Home. We are honored to be a part in their recovery

and re-entry into the community. Many people don't realize that veterans of the United States Armed Forces comprise 23 percent of the homeless population. Conservative estimates by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans count one out of every three homeless men who is sleeping in a park, alley or under an overpass as an individual who has served our country as a member of the armed forces.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking decisive action to end veteran homelessness. All veterans at risk for homelessness or attempting to exit homelessness must have easy access to programs and services. About one-third of the adult homeless population has served in the Armed Services. Estimates suggest nearly 200,000 veterans—male and female—



are homeless any given night and perhaps twice as many experience homelessness at some point during the course of a year. Many others are considered near homeless or at risk because of poverty, inadequate support from family and friends, and dismal living conditions. While most homeless Veterans are male, nearly 5 percent are women. Your continuing support of our work at Cornerstone can help us bring hope and healing to these individuals who have given so much to our country. Thank you!



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# Volunteer Needed!



We need a caring, dedicated volunteer who enjoys working with young people and mission groups to help facilitate their visits to Cornerstone during the summer. Days and hours vary and we will work with your schedule. Must be at least 16 years old.

Remember, volunteering looks good on college applications and future job resumes!

**Call Judy at 341-2741, ext. 119 for more information.**

## NEEDS LIST:

### MEN'S MISSION

**Meat – beef, pork, chicken –  
Critical shortage**

Eggs  
Muffin tins, pie tins, bread (loaf) pan  
Ketchup  
Coffee, creamer  
Olive oil, butter  
Sugar  
Juice/Juice mixes  
Salad Dressings  
Fresh & Canned, or frozen Fruit  
Cheeses – any kind  
Beef/Chicken base or paste,  
Vinegar (for salads)  
Veterans - Phone cards, bus  
passes  
Large American Flag

### DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

Pens  
Wipes  
Pencil Sharpener  
Mommy bear with a heart beat  
Paper Towels  
Facial Tissue/Kleenex  
Trash Bags – 13 gal.  
Baby Wipes  
Diaper Cream

### APARTMENTS

Bulk Laundry & Dish Soap  
Quart size Ziploc bags  
Body wash  
Individually wrapped crackers/  
granola bars  
Pillows/twin/queen sheet sets/  
mattress pads  
First Aid supplies  
Plastic storage bins  
Shower curtains, rods, & rings  
Gas cards  
Bus passes

### WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

Small/Snack sized zip lock bags  
Diaper rash cream  
Fresh fruits & Vegetables  
Ground Burger & Chicken  
Tall Kitchen Bags & Large Black  
Trash Bags  
**Size 4, 5, & 6 diapers**  
Stationary & Envelopes  
Stamps  
Coffee  
Coffee Creamer

**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!)