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♥ Giving Hearts ♥

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has been a presence in Rapid City for 40 years now, offering love, support and encouragement to the neediest. We have been able to provide food, clothing, shelter, case management and spiritual counseling to the lost, the forlorn and the lonely. However, we can only do this with the guidance and support from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God is the ultimate giver – he sacrificed his Son so that we could have eternal life – and in turn give love and support to the homeless.

But no man is an island, and neither is any agency. We have very wonderful partnerships with many of the churches and civic groups in town who assist with meal planning, cooking

and serving. We have several volunteers at all of our sites who help us accomplish the mission that God has called us to do. We have so many people that donate to our Thrift Store, which in turn helps us fund our Women and Children's Home. We have so many people that care for homeless veterans and know that they are safe in our Veteran's Wing. We have groups that prepare move-in baskets for them when they transition to their new apartments. We are extremely blessed and grateful because of your giving hearts.

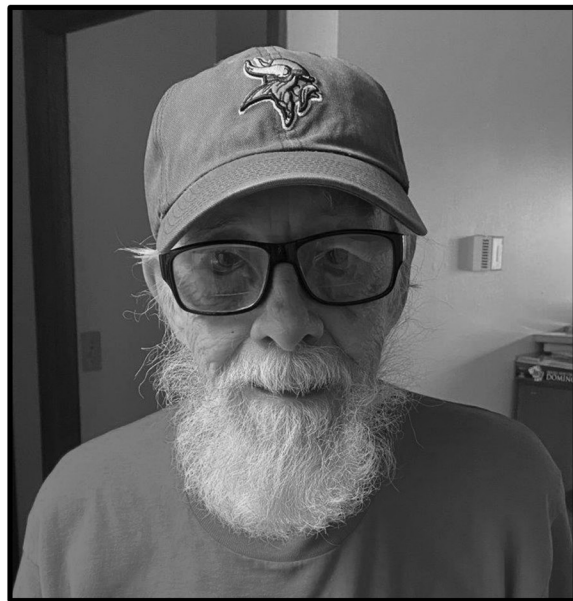
We thank you all, and from the bottom of our hearts, Happy Valentine's Day!

Peace,
Lysa



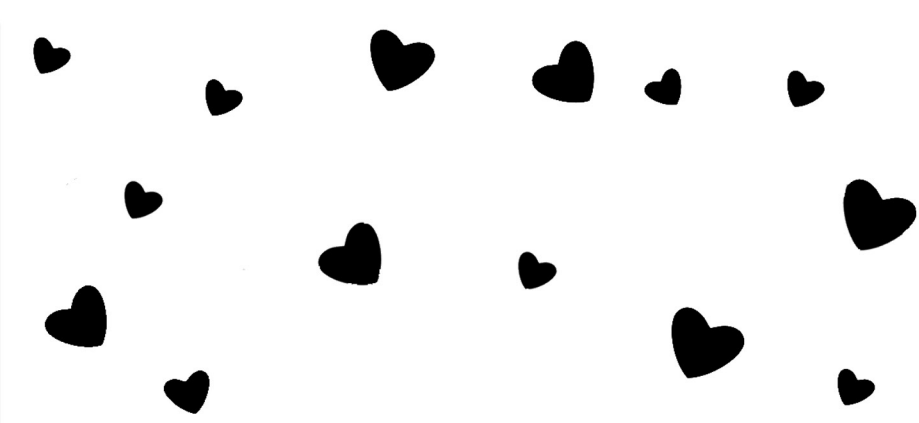
Ronald's Determination

At 80 years old, Ronald had something unexpected happen and found himself at the front door of the Cornerstone Mission not knowing where to go or what to do. In his attempt to seek solutions and find help, he was connected with the SSVF staff. Once this occurred, Ronald and SSVF staff were able to explore options and make a plan that would help him begin to start working toward achieving his goals. When life challenges occur, it often requires someone to be open to several possibilities and commit to taking some steps forward, which Ronald was able to do. Even despite having had to walk thorough some changes, Ronald was determined to succeed.



SSVF staff worked closely with Ronald in overcoming a denial for housing due to his past rental history, and getting both skilled and non-skilled home health care set up. They provide him with the assistance he needs medically and with everyday needs like grocery shopping, trips to the bank, keeping his apartment clean, etc. Ronald is also enrolled in adult day care, which gives him the opportunity to socialize and get out of his apartment.

As a member of the SSVF team who get to support our veterans in need as they navigate the challenges they face, it is a blessing to walk on this journey with them as God works not only in each space but also in all our hearts. With some additional guidance, advocacy, and assistance to coordinate with others for his needs, Ronald was able to achieve his goals and finally find a place to call home. Today he continues to enjoy life and continues to remain stable. It is with gratitude that we get to walk with one another, carry each other's burdens, and can celebrate the small things as another veteran finds hope and success.



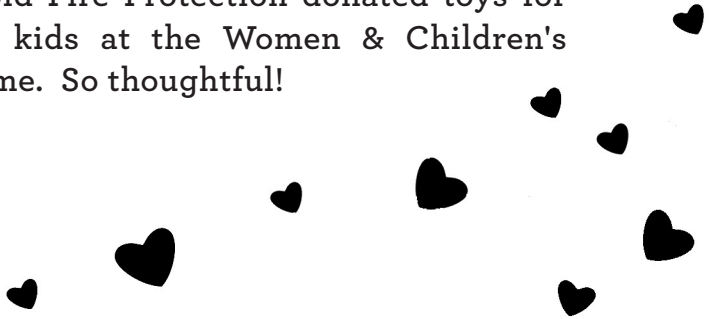
Jay Salter and Debbie Platt of Edward Jones, and their clients, always bless us with a large toy drive. I truly don't know what we would do without them! They supply a large portion of the toys we use to fill a Christmas bag for each child staying at Cornerstone. A big Thank You to everyone that contributed!



Wonderful students from the St. Thomas More National Honor Society brought over gifts for the children of Cornerstone. They sponsored a Giving Tree to benefit our kids. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and kind hearts! Pictured above are Jason Albertson, Lucy Rausch, Keigan Ballard, Noah Schaeftbauer, Kira Weter, and Abigail Wagner.



Rapid Fire Protection donated toys for the kids at the Women & Children's Home. So thoughtful!



Fay Swenson and Deb Malott deliver the cute stockings!

22 Years and Still Going Strong

22 years – That's a long time to keep up a tradition. Fay Swenson (Avon Representative) and her friends have been making Christmas bright for the children of Cornerstone for all those years! Fay, with the help of Helen Snyder, Sue Karlen, Safe Touch Massage, Deb Malott of Century 21 Clearview, Shanna Cartica, Bunnie and others purchased a stuffed animal for every child of Cornerstone. Also included in the cute stockings were Avon daily needs products and a Christmas card. GG Bunnie and Bunnie Sue put many hours and much love into making the stockings. Deb Malott helped Fay pack all the totes. So many people come together every year to keep this tradition alive. We thank Fay and all her friends for making this Christmas a special one for the children of Cornerstone!

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Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, elbow mac., milk, coffee, oatmeal, pancake mix, cream of mushroom or chicken soup, cereal, egg noodles.

MISSION: Foot powder, towels, twin-sized blankets, twin-sized sheets, reading glasses, bottled water for sack lunches, personal hygiene items for men & women, backpacks.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME - 301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal, sandwich bread, butter, sugar, laundry soap, dish soap, kleenex, clorox wipes, personal hygiene items.

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE - 401 - 11th Street

Beds, furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, home décor.

VETERANS - 30 Main St.

Shoes, boots, sugar, creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee.

APARTMENTS - 1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap, household cleaners, toilet paper, laundry soap.



Freedom Church sponsored an Angel Tree again for the children staying at the Cornerstone Apartments. This was their 7th year. They also held a party for the kids and everyone had a great time! Thanks to our Freedom Church friends!



Robyn Opstedahl and Lois Oetker dropped off a check for \$500 from Emmanuel Episcopal Church. What a generous gift!



Our friends at Black Hills Surgical Hospital had an Ugly Christmas Sweater Day where staff donated a food item for Cornerstone. How fun!



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!)