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❄️ Happy New Year! ❄️

I always love the beginning of the New Year and set aside time January 1 to sit in God's presence and listen to what He wants to tell me. It varies from year to year depending on what is happening in my life, but it gives me a lot of peace and a strong foundation. One thing never changes though, and that is giving him thanks for all the blessings He brings to me and my family – and they are too numerous to count. Even when things are not going well, the blessings still outweigh the burdens by far.

The Mission and I are thankful for this community. It never ceases to amaze me. Whenever Cornerstone or any of our guests are in need – no matter how big or small, someone in the community responds! Christmas is a happy time for many, but not always for our guests. They mourn the loss of familial relationships because those bridges have been burned for a variety of reasons. They want so badly to give their children presents but don't have enough money to do so because their paycheck doesn't stretch that far. There are many other reasons, and they lead to not having enough even for the basics. And then the help arrives. A civic group, a church group, individuals who want homeless women and children to have a fun Christmas, individuals and veterans who want to ensure our homeless men and veterans are taken care of with warm clothes and a razor

and shaving cream. It doesn't take much – a small gift and a smile means the world to our guests, and the community rallies around and always delivers.

Inside you will find several photographs of just a small percentage of the groups and individuals who want to ensure all our guests have a wonderful Christmas. We didn't have enough room for all who have donated, and we apologize for that. But know your gifts are appreciated and will bring many smiles to many people going through extraordinarily difficult times. We want to give a shout out to Kim Pantan and her son Richard who volunteered to cook our annual community Christmas meal. It was delicious. The west-side Safeway helped our guests celebrate by giving us a great deal on the Christmas ham – so a special thank you to them too!

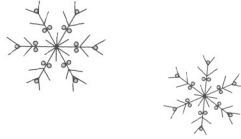
We pray that you and your families will be blessed just as you have blessed Cornerstone and all our guests. Have a wonderful, blessed, healthy and prosperous 2023!

Peace, Lysa





Bonnie Jenniges from the Blooming Loomers group of the Canyon Lake Activity Center dropped off many handcrafted hats and scarves to keep our guests warm this winter. These ladies are so talented and generous!



Mia McCraw from Aspen Ridge Lawn and Landscape



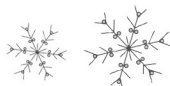
dropped off many boxes of canned goods and a check for \$500. Aspen Ridge had a fun Winter Festival and chose Cornerstone to receive the donations they took in. Thanks to Aspen Ridge for their caring hearts!



Allison Jacobs, VP, and the members of the Future Business Leaders of America Chapter at Stevens High School organized a food drive as a community service project for the club. The club meets biweekly to learn about leadership and business skills. We want to thank everyone in this group for gathering much needed food items to feed our guests!



Students and staff from St. Elizabeth Seaton Elementary School, St. Thomas More Middle School and St. Thomas More High School donated long underwear and other cold weather clothing to the guests of Cornerstone. They did this by having a bake sale, "Long John" pastry sale, and the students paying a small donation for "no school uniform Fridays". Thanks to all the students and staff for helping keep our guests warm this winter!



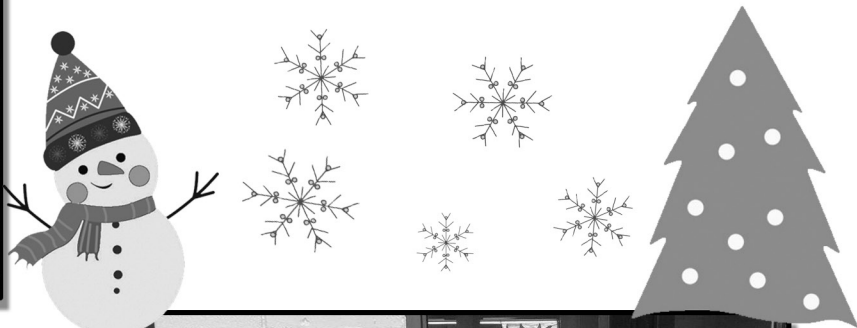
Hill City did it again! Once again the whole town got involved and donated purses to the women living at the Women & Children's Home for Christmas. They even tucked a little cash into each purse! Along with the purses, they also brought hygiene items and items for the kitchen. For the children they brought new pillows, with each pillow having a cute, handmade pillowcase. Hill City, and especially this wonderful



group pictured, have been such awesome and longstanding supporters of our women and kids. We thank them and the town of Hill City for all their love and support!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church donated \$5,000 towards replacing some of the windows at the Women & Children's Home. What a generous gift! Maintaining our buildings is always costly and never-ending. This check will go a long way in updating the windows at the Women & Children's Home!



Rev. Bob Hower and Cindi Hower donated winter coats, jeans, and socks to the Cornerstone Community Transition Program. Rev. Hower is pictured with his son, Matthew Hower, CTP Program Manager. Thanks to the Hower family for these useful items!



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Linda Smith dropped off toys that her friend, Coreen Iwan, purchased for the children of Cornerstone for Christmas. What a wonderful surprise!



Mike and Lucynda Sanders dropped off toys to help make Christmas brighter for the children staying at Cornerstone. How fun!



Jayda Reinert gathered many useful items for the Women & Children's Home. She was also part of a group that provided a meal for our women and kids. Thanks Jayda!



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.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Gas cards, oil changes, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, household items.

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!)