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What's God Doing?

As we transition from the busyness of summer to a different kind of busyness in the fall (school, football, etc.) I look back at how quickly the summer flew by and I think about fall and all the events happening at Cornerstone. We seem to be busy all year round, but I wanted to take the opportunity to catch everyone up.

Cornerstone Apartments is our 24-unit family complex for those who are disabled and are formerly homeless. All the apartments are full, all tenants are being case managed and apartment inspections are being completed. It is bustling with activity as the kids get ready to go to school.

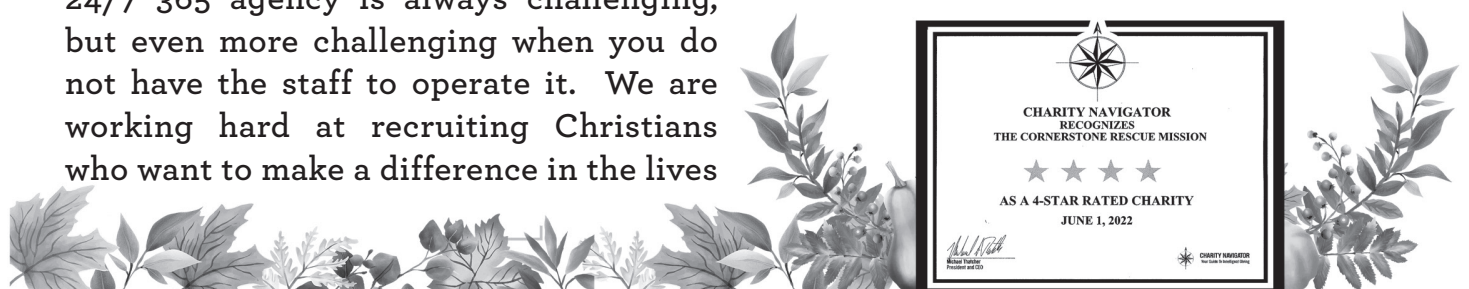
Cornerstone Women & Children's Home's 68 beds are full, and we have a very lengthy wait list. We are doing the best we can to ensure people move in and along as quickly as possible, but the need in the community continues to be more than our Home can handle.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission is full, and we are transitioning to reduced services there due to a lack of staff. Running a 24/7 365 agency is always challenging, but even more challenging when you do not have the staff to operate it. We are working hard at recruiting Christians who want to make a difference in the lives

of the homeless. However, like everyone else, we are struggling to find staff. We are taking intakes in the early evening hours to be able to continue to meet the needs of the community. Unfortunately, the needs of the community are too large for our one agency to handle, so we will not be able to house everyone that comes to our building. We will do our best to meet the needs of as many as we can, but the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few.

Thank you for being a part of housing a veteran, giving a child a safe place to live, encouraging the broken hearted who wants to make a better life for himself, etc. We are excited to have you be part of the family and wanted you to see all the good that you are doing. What is God doing?...A LOT! He continuously helps us meet the needs of the neediest in our community with your love, compassion and support. Thank you for all you do to bring hope and healing into people's lives. That is exactly what God has called us to do!

Peace, Lysa



Mark Comes Home

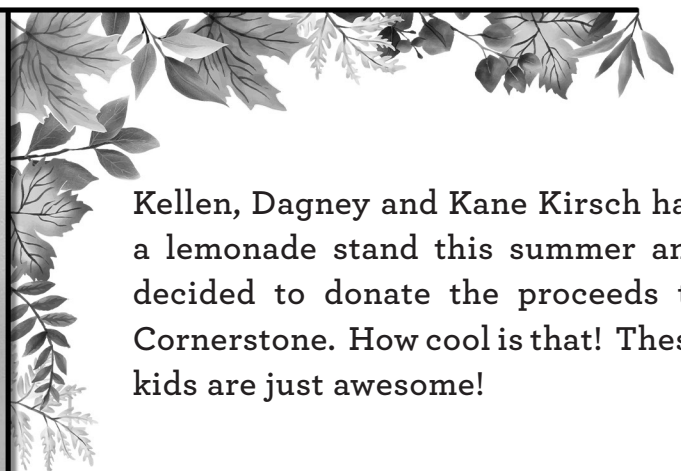
Mark came to Supportive Services for Veteran Families after being homeless and couch surfing for over a year. Mark had previously been in the Rapid City area and moved down south in hopes of finding housing. He moved around from state to state, unable to find affordable housing. He came back to Rapid City due to health issues. Mark felt he needed to find a place to call home, and adjust to living with his health issues.

Mark struggles on his very limited budget and needed long-term assistance with his housing. SSVF Case Manager Jenifer Jordan assisted him through the process of applying for public housing. Once on the housing waiting list, Mark checked in weekly with Jenifer to see where he was at on the list. Even though he was moving up the housing list very slowly, he was very patient and always had a good attitude.

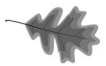


After five months on the housing list, he was offered an apartment that he could afford on his income. He was shocked as he felt he would never be able to get into housing because of his lack of rental history and a very low fixed income. Mark was overjoyed to finally be getting his own place. The location was where Mark had hoped and dreamed of being housed. When the day to move in arrived, SSVF assisted Mark with his security deposit, a new bed and a donated move-in basket that contained many household items to help him make his house a home. Mark has been able to obtain additional furniture and make his new apartment his own with the homey feeling Mark had dreamed of for years but could never afford.

Mark still calls the SSVF office now and again to thank all the staff for their help in getting him off the streets and into his own place.



Kellen, Dagny and Kane Kirsch had a lemonade stand this summer and decided to donate the proceeds to Cornerstone. How cool is that! These kids are just awesome!



Black Hills Community Bank – Providing Help for the Babies of Cornerstone

Our Friends at Black Hills Community Bank and the Black Hills community once again blessed us with an amazing Diaper Drive. It was their 13th year! This year the bank gathered diapers and cash equaling approximately 83,500+ diapers for the Women & Children's Home. Most of the time a mother will show up at the Women & Children's Home with very few diapers or supplies for her baby; and thanks to the Black Hills Community Bank we are well stocked to meet their needs. Staff from the bank brought over the diapers in an antique fire truck which is always a big hit with our kids! This year's month-long event included an online auction, 5K, Friday bake sales, and a dessert competition.

A big Thanks to our Friends at Black Hills Community Bank for all their hard work and to everyone in the community who contributed!



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God is our refuge and
strength, always ready to
help in times of trouble.
Psalm 46:1



Students in the Summer Stretch program at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help came to the Cornerstone kitchen at 30 Main Street to lend assistance for a morning. They were a great help and a lot of fun!

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!)