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## HAPPY EASTER!



*Gil & Brenda Gilbert receive the Abbie & Doug Thrash Spirit of Volunteerism Award.*



*Robert Rodriguez shared his story of hope.*



*Dan & Kathy Simpson received the Cornerstone Spirit award.*

The Easter season is such a special time of year – we know spring is coming, new life abounds with the birth of all kinds of wildlife, flowers and trees, and the air smells fresher. Who doesn't love springtime!!

Springtime also ushers in one of the most significant times of the year – the resurrection of Christ we all celebrate on Easter. Another reminder that new life abounds – the life of Jesus Christ who died to give us all He has and His promise of eternal life. It is a gift freely given to all who want it and we receive unconditional love, peace and unlimited grace. If that isn't a reason to celebrate, I don't know what is.

Not only is Christ the Cornerstone of our Mission, He gives us plenty to celebrate! On March 9th, Cornerstone held its annual Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet to give thanks to God, our Guests and our community partners. We do so much for His children through the generosity of this community. We had a very enjoyable evening kicked off by the wonderful Lonely Rangers Band; a video created by Wall High School student Shelby Ruland which gave our staff perspectives on Cornerstone; Kathy

and Dan Simpson, of Simpsons Printing, received our Cornerstone Spirit Award; and Gil and Brenda Gilbert from Cornerstone Apartments received our Doug and Abbie Thrash Spirit of Volunteerism award. Robert Rodriguez served as our guest speaker and shared his inspirational journey from homelessness to being housed. A special thank you to all of our sponsors, ticket buyers and silent auction donors (and buyers)! It was a fun evening!!!

We also have a busy 2019 planned: expanding the Women & Children's Home, starting Project Recovery/Project Cornerstone with Dr. Steven Tamang and his staff in helping those addicted to opioids and alcohol overcome their addiction through medical assisted treatment, and potentially expanding our Thrift Store. Please pray that our efforts will be fruitful, and God continues to give us guidance and sustenance.

We're also excited to celebrate 37 years of being able to serve Rapid City – Happy 37th Birthday Cornerstone!

Lysa



# SSVF – SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGHOUT SOUTH DAKOTA

Our Veterans have sacrificed so much for all of us. Many of them have returned from service with mental and physical difficulties. Cornerstone has a deep respect for these brave men and women and try to help them in a multiple of ways – the main way being the SSVF program. Cornerstone has operated the Supportive Services For Veterans program for the past six years. The SSVF is a VA funded program designed to end homelessness in our Veteran population. This is a state-wide program with



*Teena Conrad, Program Manager (front left) and the SSVF Case Managers. Jack Smith, Tyra Austin, Jade Ronk, Kristen Intermill, and Amber Clarke, Jennifer Odegard*

case managers across the entire state that assist low income Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. SSVF is a case management program that on a case-by-case basis offers financial support with rental security deposits, utility deposits, rent, back rent, and many other services to help create stable housing for Veterans. This fiscal year, through the SSVF program, Cornerstone has assisted a total of 134 Veterans and their families, 75 of those were homeless and 59 were at risk of losing their housing.

Here is an example of one of our Case Manager “Notes”:

*“SSVF Case Manager (CM) received a call about a Veteran and his family of four who had received an eviction notice and had a very short time to exit the property. They had no family or friends who could assist them. The Veteran’s father had*

*stolen his son’s identify and ruined his credit. The Veteran was working but not making enough to stay current on the rent. CM met with the family and determined that they met the qualifications to enroll into the SSVF program and their paperwork was expedited due to the urgency of the situation. After their approval into the program, CM was able to work out a deal with the landlord so the family would not have to move out. CM worked with the family for 3 months and during that time the Veteran was able to secure better employment and complete his claim for VA disability. The family was later able to move closer to a better job and is currently managing their finances in such a way to avoid running a risk of homelessness in the future”*

We thank the hardworking and caring SSVF staff for all the care they give to the “at risk” Veterans of South Dakota!

# THE ROTARY CLUB THROWS A PARTY!

The Rapid City Rotary Club sure knows how to throw a party! What a Fun and Friendly group! They joined forces with the Rushmore Rotary Club and put on a wine tasting/buffet/raffle fundraiser for Cornerstone at the Rushmore Hotel. Lysa and I were invited to attend and it was a good time! Stacey and Orion Potter provided the entertainment and they are spectacular! Sid Goff was the fun MC. It was just a lovely evening that in the end netted \$6,000 for Cornerstone. Thanks again to all the Rotary Club members, including Stacey and Orion Potter!



*Stacey & Orion Potter with Lysa after their awesome performance. So talented!*



*Stacey Potter & Bruce Rampelberg present Lysa with a generous donation!*

## VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY "SHARES THE LOVE"



*Valley View Elementary Student Council members*

During the month of February the Valley View Elementary Student Council did their Share The Love fundraiser and blessed Cornerstone with the proceeds. For this event the student council students sold suckers and the staff donated their Friday jeans day money. Altogether they raised \$650. In addition, the whole school collected many grocery and personal care items for us. We thank Valley View Elementary for "Sharing The Love" with Cornerstone!

## Cornerstone Rescue Mission's

# *Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast*

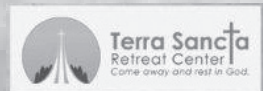
*Place:* Terra Sancta Retreat Center  
2101 City Springs Road • Rapid City

*When:* May 18th • 8:30 a.m.

Come join us for a Breakfast Buffet and a celebration of all the wonderful Volunteers who support Cornerstone!

**Please RSVP to Deb by May 3rd at 718-8712  
or [dberg@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:dberg@cornerstonemission.org)**

*Hope to see you there!*



# Needs List

## MEN'S MISSION

**30 Main St.  
KITCHEN:**

Fruits and vegetables  
Eggs, Milk, Coffee, Sugar,  
Oatmeal, Pancake mix  
Cream of Mushroom  
or Chicken soup

### MISSION:

Foot powder  
Towels, twin-sized blankets  
Twin-sized sheets  
Cold weather outerwear  
Reading glasses  
Bottled water for sack lunches  
Personal hygiene items for  
men & women  
Backpacks

## CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

**401 - 11th Street**

Beds, household furniture,  
household appliances,  
kitchen items, home décor

## WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

**301 Fox Run Drive**

Coffee, Eggs  
Milk, Cereal  
Sandwich bread  
Butter, Sugar  
Laundry/dish soap,  
baby wash/baby lotion  
Kleenex, Clorox wipes  
and Personal hygiene items

## VETERANS

**30 Main St.**

Shoes & boots, thermal  
underwear, sugar/creamer,  
antiperspirant, lotion,  
backpacks, coffee

## APARTMENTS

**1220 East Blvd.**

Dish soap  
household cleaners

### ADOPT A FAMILY:

Gas cards, oil changes,  
laundry & dish soap,  
toilet paper,  
household things



*The waitstaff from The Bestro donate their tips to a different organization each month. Amanda, the program manager of the Women & Children's Home, is shown accepting a check from Darci and Cassidy for the month of January. Such a generous group!*



*A youth group from South Canyon Baptist made blankets for the Women & Children's Home. How thoughtful!*



Think you can't change the future?

THINK AGAIN

## Leave a Legacy

There are a number of ways that you can become a Cornerstone Rescue Mission Foundation supporter, and, at the same time, realize favorable tax and estate planning for you, your family, and your heirs:  
Assets ..... Your Legacy can Live On!

For more information on any of these options, or to schedule an appointment to discuss them, please contact Jim Castleberry, Cornerstone Foundation Director, at 605-209-0152 or [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)

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