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HELP US BE GOOD STEWARDS!

Summer is flying by and I hope that you are all enjoying the sunshine and outdoor activities with your families. Summer is flying by for us at the Mission as well and we are seeing record numbers of summer guests and people already housed in the community coming in for needed services and supplies. God is good and helps us to provide for as many of their needs as possible.

Community partnerships remain strong as YouthWorks from Minnesota came and helped out at our Thrift Store and helped us clean and reorganize our two pantries at the Mission. Fountain Springs Church sponsors their Love Week and helped us repair and repaint our wheelchair ramp at the Women and Children's Home, and also paint the hallways at the Cornerstone Apartments. We are so grateful for their desire to serve so many people in the community, including the homeless. Black Hills Community Bank sponsored the Diaper Drive for the Women & Children's Home and M.G. Oil sponsored a golf tournament for us in June - look for their stories and pictures in next month's newsletter where we can give both events the exposure and credit they deserve!

I just want to remind people that the proceeds from our Thrift Store go to the Women and Children's Home so we can provide safe child care, advocacy services, and food and shelter for homeless women and children. If you are in the mood to declutter, downsize or purge, please think about dropping off items at Cornerstone Thrift Store, located at 401 11th Street. Don't let the construction scare you away, we are certainly taking donations. Also, if you have clothes, bedding and linens that are stained, torn, etc., please don't put them in the trash. Bring them down to our store as we can help recycle them for you. And shoes.....please bring old shoes to us as well so we can recycle them vs. having them end up in the landfill. We are starting a used/worn out clothing and shoe drive this fall so please help us help the environment, provide jobs for others and be good stewards of all God has given us!



Stay safe during the Rally!

Peace, Lysa



Shoes Help Our Children Have Fun!

Please donate shoes, in any condition.
It helps fund children's activities
at our Women & Children's Home!

MARY STANDING SOLDIER

A WOMAN OF COURAGE



I had the pleasure of visiting with Mary Standing Soldier and hearing her story. I always consider it such an honor to hear about another person's journey.

Mary's journey started in Porcupine, South Dakota. Mary lived in this area, surrounded by family, and worked as a CNA in Kadoka for many years. Things took a turn for Mary when she left her job to help out a family member. That situation did not work out and she found herself homeless and living with different friends in Rapid City, and oftentimes found herself drinking with these friends. Things spiraled until she found herself eating lunch at the Mission one day. There she learned that PBT tests for alcohol detection were used as needed or requested. Mary welcomed the thought of PBT testing to hold herself accountable to stay away from alcohol. At that point Mary said she decided **"that the path I was taking was not the path I wanted"** and she decided to try to get into the Women & Children's Home for further help. After staying only one night at the Mission she did get admitted to the ladies' shelter. That was when things really started to turn around. Within a month Mary has worked with the case managers at the

Women & Children's Home and with the ladies at Dress For Success and found employment at Westhills Village nursing home as a CNA. She and Cornerstone staff are actively searching for an apartment close to her employment. Mary's 15-year-old daughter has been with her through this long journey and they are both excited to get a place of their own again.

Mary is firm in putting alcohol behind her. She said **"you gotta want something in order for it to work."** I was impressed by the fact that she has gone as far as contacting all her friends and relatives on Facebook and informing them that they cannot be a part of her life if alcohol is involved. She is determined to living a life **"seeing things clearly without alcohol."** She was tearful as she told me over and over how thankful she was for all the care and support she has received at the Women & Children's Home.

Mary is one strong, courageous woman and I have no doubt that she will achieve her goals. It was an honor to hear her story and it just reinforces that, with your help, Cornerstone truly changes lives. Thanks for being a part of stories like Mary's!

FOUNTAIN SPRINGS LOVE WEEK SPREADS THE LOVE TO CORNERSTONE



Fountain Springs Church has been a long-standing supporter of Cornerstone. They frequently do awesome things for us and provide a meal at 30 Main most months of the year! When Love Week rolls around each year they always contact us and take on a couple of our projects. This year they painted the hallways at the Cornerstone Apartments and primed the decking at the Women & Children's Home. Both of these were large projects and they even provided

the paint and primer! In addition, a group of their members dropped off 30+ brand new backpacks to 30 Main. Backpacks are an often requested item and for our guests to receive a new one is such a treat! We want to thank Fountain Springs for the time, generosity and friendship they continue to extend to Cornerstone! We are so thankful to be part of the Fountain Springs circle of friends!



Fountain Springs members dropped off 30+ backpacks for our guests.

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*Stop focusing on how
Stressed you are
and remember how
Blessed you are.*
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YOUTHWORKS HELPS OUT



YouthWorks rolled into town again this summer and we were glad to see them! This is a youth group out of Minneapolis that has been coming to Rapid City for many years. This year they helped us sort donations in the Thrift Store and also worked on cleaning and organizing the pantry at 30 Main. They are such a fun group and we always enjoy them! We thank YouthWorks for continuing to lend a helping hand to us in the summers and we look forward to working with them again next year!

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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
Men and women's long
underwear,
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



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