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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

A special thank you to all who attended our Birthday Party/Open House on November 13th. We had a great time and had great support from our clients and by those in the community who stopped by and gave us cards, well wishes, toured our facility and ate ice cream and cake.

Christmas is a season of wonder, joy and blessings. As we look back at 2017, we thank God for the numerous blessings he has bestowed upon us. We are so grateful for our guests who teach us something new every day. We are grateful for community partner agencies who work alongside us to bring the best services for the most vulnerable in the community. We are grateful for our donors who give money, time, talent, household goods, clothing, hygiene products and furniture. God is aware of each move we make and knows the number of hairs on our heads. It is no accident that you support Cornerstone - he has called you to serve the homeless and those living in poverty in our community - and we are grateful

to team up with you as you give support according to his leading.



A special thank you to the students and faculty of the Rapid City Catholic School District and Scheels All Sports! Students from St. Elizabeth Seaton Elementary School, St. Thomas More Middle School and St. Thomas More High School held a long underwear drive for our homeless guests and brought these items to our birthday party. Scheels All Sports gave them a 50% discount so they were able to buy

twice as much long underwear to keep our guests warm!

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season with your families and loved ones. Drive safe, stay warm, enjoy giving and getting gifts, and most of all enjoy God's presence!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peace, Lysa



GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

What's the easiest thing to buy as a gift when you have no idea what to get someone - Gift Cards of course!

Cornerstone receives so many generous donations during the holiday season - the generosity of this community is truly amazing! One thing we fall short on though is donations for older children - the preteen and teenagers. We are hoping to gather \$10 Walmart gift cards so these kids can buy something for themselves - because we all know how particular teenagers are! If you would like to help us reach this goal, please mail the cards to P.O. Box 2188, Rapid City, SD 57709-2188, Att: Deb. As always, we are also collecting toys for the younger children.

Thanks for caring about all the kids of Cornerstone!



A HAPPY HALLOWEEN



The things people do for us blows me away sometimes! The Karing For Kids group and Cask & Cork Distributing, along with their donors, bought Halloween costumes for ALL 60+ kids of Cornerstone! They even let the kids pick out what they wanted to be. Can you imagine trying to find all those costumes in the right sizes. Amazing! We can't thank them enough for making Halloween extra special this year!



Joci Templeton was back at the Women & Children's Home cutting hair. Such a treat for the ladies!



Gerald Dunlop and John Fenske brought the 20+ turkeys Lowe's donated for our Thanksgiving meal.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church donated care packages to our Veterans. So caring!



Awesome quilts from Blessed Sacrament. True works of art!

VETERANS' ART ON DISPLAY



Veterans Art

Starting the week of November 26th, and running about six weeks, the Cornerstone Veterans Art Class will have many of their Color Studies on display and available for sale at the Rapid City Public Library. I have seen these colored drawings and they are quite intricate and beautiful! We want to thank the Library for displaying these pieces.

Christine Siim, the founder and leader of this class,

commented "These pieces reflect this time shared in discovering beauty in an unexpected way. One of "my guys" told me that "the colors may show things I now have a hard time talking about."

We hope that you will take a moment to visit the Library and see what our talented Veterans have created.



Amanda Grohs & Brandi Wells from Black Hills Federal Credit Union dropped off a check & bedding from their Share the Warmth drive. So generous!



First Interstate Bank collected 81 coats, gloves & hats. Thanks to everyone that donated!



RSVP+ donated socks & sweats to our Veterans for National Make A Difference Day. Thanks to our retired friends!



Mitch Suehs & Cosmo Prof donated the proceeds from their trade show raffle to Cornerstone. Thanks!

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
Men and women's long
underwear, Socks
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
Laundry/dish soap
Baby wipes & pull-ups
Personal hygiene items

VETERANS

30 Main St.

Shaving cream & razors, shoes
& boots, backpacks,
underwear & T-shirts, coffee

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap
household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:

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



NIGHT IN THE COLD



Lambda Chi Alpha, a SD School of Mines & Technology fraternity, sponsored an event called Night In The Cold where people were invited to attend a dinner to learn about the issues faced by those who are homeless. Afterwards the crowd enjoyed family-friendly games and a movie. At the end of the evening some hardy souls slept outside in tents and sleeping bags to truly get a sense of what being homeless might feel like. We want to thank Neil Leyda and the fraternity for putting on this fundraiser. It was a great learning experience for everyone that attended.



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(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)