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Happy Holidays

Christmas most likely will not look the same for many of us this year due to the pandemic. Many lives have been uprooted, some of us have lost loved ones, and we are all getting used to a new normal. Some of us wonder if we will ever get back to the way things used to be. Storms come into our lives for a variety of reasons. Though there have been many difficult aspects of this pandemic, there have been blessings as well – we just need to look for them. The biggest blessing is the constancy of God – He is still on the throne! At this wonderful time of year where we remember his birth and the significance of Him in our lives, let that sink deep into your hearts. God will never leave us or forsake us. We need to look to him in times of confusion and turmoil. As we keep our eyes on Him and our faith in Him, he has promised to see us through.

Christmas is a season of wonder, joy and blessings. As we look back on 2020 with all its unpredictability, 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. We may be in the midst of a pandemic, but our work goes on 24/7 365 thanks to you.

Even though the holiday season may be different this year, we are all praying that you and your loved ones enjoy this season and find comfort in His presence.

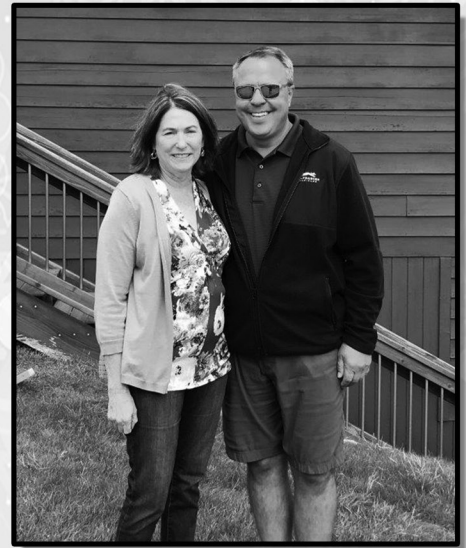
Peace, Lysa



Steadfast Friends in Uncertain Times

Even though this summer was a challenging one indeed, that did not stop our friends at MG Oil/Corner Pantry from continuing the 11th year tradition of the Homeless But Not Hopeless Golf Tournament. On September 11th they pulled together another great golfing event at Red Rocks golf course. Even with these uncertain times, 120 golfers showed up for a beautiful day of golf and a good meal. At the end of the day the event raised \$20,510. This money helps us provide much-needed food, shelter, case management and more for our guests.

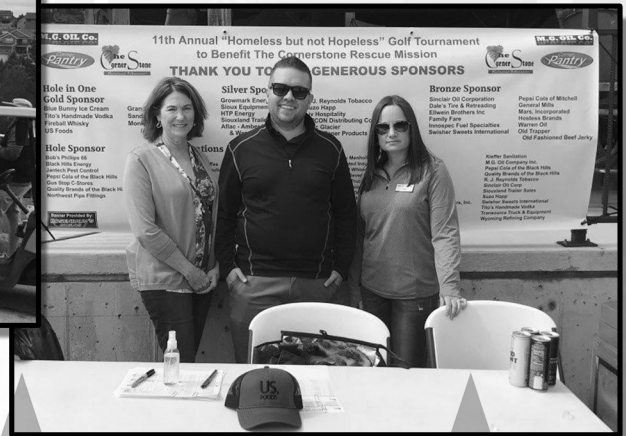
We want to send a big Thank-You to MG Oil/Corner Pantry (especially Tammy Young & Tanner Pruess for all their hard work), Red Rocks golf course for their hospitality and great meal, the generous sponsors, and the golfers who always make it such a fun day! 11 YEARS - MG Oil/Corner Pantry is definitely a Steadfast Friend - We are Blessed!



Lysa & Dave Kulish (MG Oil General Manager) thanked the sponsors, golfers & Red Rocks golf club.



The golfers get ready to take off!



Lysa with Tanner & Tammy - who work so hard on this event.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church did a soap drive for Cornerstone and gathered all kinds of useful soaps and detergents. Sharon Kruger and Joan Bares are shown with these very needed items. Thanks!



The Black Hills Federal Credit Union once again collected bedding for Cornerstone. Brandi Wells and Amanda Grohs brought over 43 brand new blankets and sheet sets. This is such a blessing to help keep our guests warm this winter season. Thanks Black Hills Federal Credit Union for this amazing gift!



Molly Thunder Chief graduated from the Agents Of Babylon Love Inc. class. Go Molly!



Al Daugherty, Kristina Melvin & Samii Gulland dropped off items they had purchased as part of the drive Synchrony Financial sponsored for Cornerstone. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Stagebarn Middle School had a sock drive and donated 600+ pairs of socks to Cornerstone. Thanks to everyone who contributed!



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Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, 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, baby wash, baby lotion, 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.



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, Attn: Deb. As always, we are also collecting toys for the younger children.

Thanks for caring about all the kids of Cornerstone!

Gil Gilbert passed out hotdogs to the kids at the Cornerstone Apartments before they started trick-or-treating.



Sebastian Berardino & his mother Mylene made Halloween gift bags for all the kids at the Women & Children's Home. How Sweet!

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!)