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★ Happy Fourth of July! ★

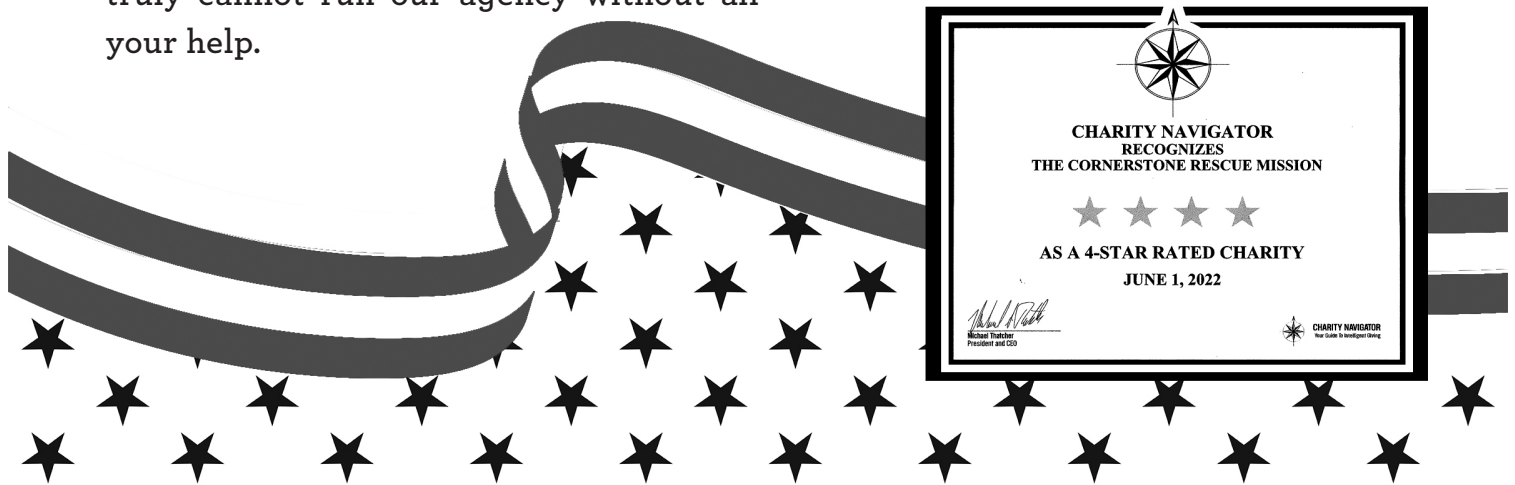
Summer is officially here and we hope you get some time to travel and see your family. Travel appears to be increasing so hopefully this can be a summer you can all get together again.

We held our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at beautiful Terra Sancta towards the end of May and appreciate all of you who came. For those who could not come, please accept our thanks for all you do to keep Cornerstone up and running. Our guest speaker was Abbie Thrash, a long time volunteer at our Thrift Store. We have over 500 volunteers who operate in several capacities – construction, painting, yard care, cooking and serving meals, receptionists and those who assist in our Thrift Store! Volunteers are such a fundamental part of what we do, and we truly cannot run our agency without all your help.

The Fourth of July holiday will soon be upon us. There is so much political division in the country and the world right now and it seems like it gets worse every day. While I sometimes find it confusing and overwhelming, I have to step back and remind myself that God is in control. Our nation was founded on religious liberty and God is the cornerstone of our country. Nothing that happens is a surprise to Him. Our goal is to love God, love our neighbors and family and believe in Him regardless of circumstances. He has the final say and if we trust in Him and abide in Him, He will give us a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Have a Happy 4th of July and rest in His peace!

Lysa



Every June Black Hills Community Bank does a Diaper Drive for Cornerstone. This amazing event provides all the diapers that Cornerstone uses in a year! Cash donations help provide all the other supplies that a baby might need. It is such an amazing gift! Rachael Yurisich, bank employee, has headed up this event for the past five years. She leads the Diaper Drive Team as they plan many diaper and fundraising events throughout the month of June. They do a 5K, bake sales, an online silent auction, and other events. Rachael keeps track of all the details and keeps the Team headed in the right direction. She has grown this event tremendously in the last five years! We thank Rachael and the whole Diaper Drive Team for all their hard work and continued commitment to the babies of Cornerstone! Racheal was chosen as Volunteer of the Month by the Helpline Center, who also teams up with Black Hills Surgical Hospital, in recognizing outstanding volunteers in the Black Hills area. They awarded her with a certificate and many nice gifts.

Pictured is: James Mortenson – SVP Chief Credit Officer, Rachael Yurisich – Loan Processor, Leah Saiz – Helpline Center, Kathy Minnick – Black Hills Surgical Hospital, Deb Berg – Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Jennifer Bryant – VP Loan Operations Manager.



Airman Brittini Brown and Airman Jahnika Thomas organized a grocery and clothing drive for Cornerstone. We want to thank these ladies and also thank everyone that participated!





The Veterans of Cornerstone have some wonderful friends! Dacotah Bank is one such friend. During the month of May the bank staff decided they wanted to do a donation drive for the Veterans of Cornerstone to “take care of those who served and protected our great nation”. What a wonderful way to honor our Veterans! They gathered items for the Move-In Baskets we give each Veteran when they are able to get their own place. They gathered many of the necessities of setting up a new household. The Veterans

and staff of Cornerstone would like to thank everyone at Dacotah Bank and their customers who donated to this great month-long event!

Pictured above is Marlyn Benavente (Dacotah Bank employee) dropping off the items to Teena Conrad (SSVF Program Manager).



The 5th grade classes at Calvary Christian School held a drive for Cornerstone. The whole school gathered many useful items. We want to send a big Thank-You to the 5th grade classes and to everyone that participated!

Amanda Pioche, Women & Children's Home Program Manager, caught this 7 pound catfish. Way to go Amanda!



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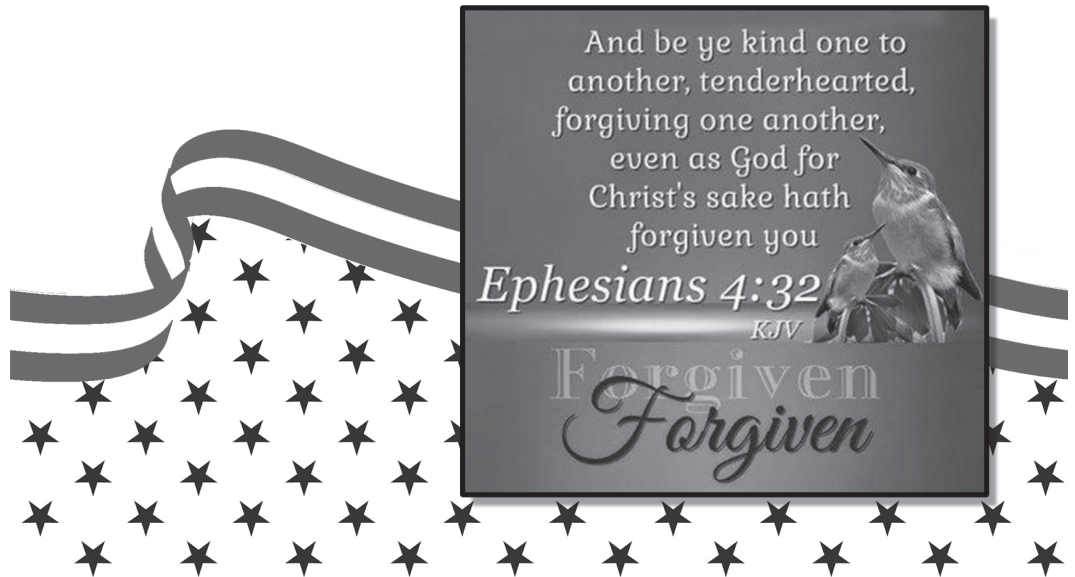
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We had a nice visitor the other day! Lynn Finley from The Linen Closet dropped by to drop off 60+ brand new twin sheet sets to be used by our guests. What an awesome gift! Between the Women

and the Men's Mission we are always needing sheets - and getting brand new sheets is certainly a treat! The Linen Closet originates out of Vancouver, Washington and was started by Lynn and her mother. Their goal is "Providing Comfort, Hope & Dignity" and we couldn't agree more! Thanks Lynn (and everyone who donates to The Linen Closet) for your generosity and your compassion for the homeless!



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!)