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BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE

It never ceases to amaze me. Whenever Cornerstone or any of our guests are in need – no matter how big or small – someone in the community responds! Christmas is a happy time for many, but not always for our guests. They mourn the loss of familial relationships because those bridges have been burned for a variety of reasons. They want so badly to give their children presents but don't have enough money to do so because their paycheck doesn't stretch that far. There are many other reasons, and they lead to not having enough sometimes for even the basics. And then the help arrives – from a civic group, a church group, a family that adopts one of our families, individuals who want homeless children and women to have a fun Christmas, individuals and veterans who want to ensure our homeless men and veterans are taken care of and have warm

clothes and a razor and shaving cream. It doesn't take much – a small gift and a smile means the world to our guests and the community rallies around and always delivers.

Inside you will find several photographs of just a small percentage of the groups and individuals who want to ensure all our guests have a wonderful Christmas. We didn't have enough room for all who have donated and we apologize for that. But know your gifts are just as appreciated and will bring many smiles to many people going through extraordinarily difficult times.

As 2018 approaches, we pray that you will be blessed just as you have blessed Cornerstone and all our guests.

Peace, Lysa



Our Sweetest new tables and chairs!

Our friends at Rapid City Leadership Class of 2016 & Modern Woodmen raised enough money to purchase new tables & chairs for our dining room at 30 Main. Amazing!



THIS IS WHAT WE DO

Joe, one of our awesome/patient/loving Case Managers at 30 Main wrote this and I just had to share this beautiful story.....

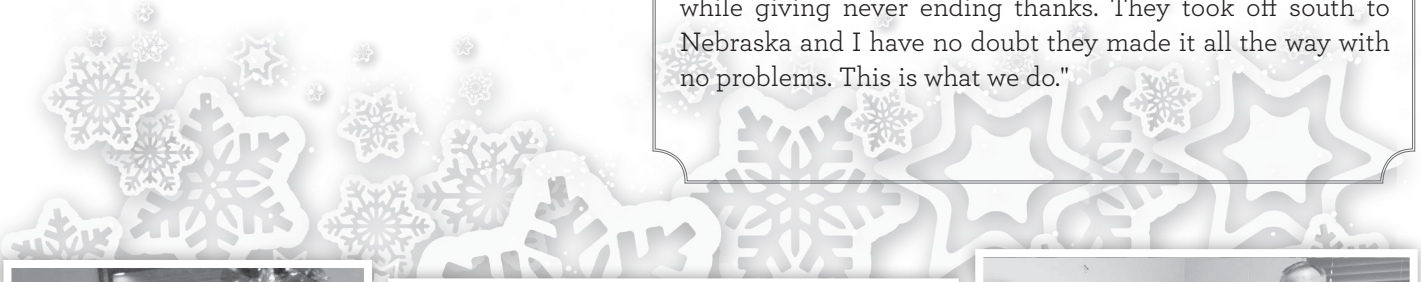
“Upon arrival to work, I noticed a vehicle in the front parking space on main street. It appeared to be loaded down with household items and clothing and blankets. I noticed a woman and her child walking to the front entrance. When I got into the front lobby, she and her child were sitting down and crying. She explained that she was exhausted and her child was starving. They were coming back home from a funeral in Idaho when they had a blow out on the rear tire. Luckily, they were just passing Gillette and pulled in to a gas station where a “saint” helped her change her tire to the spare. They slept in the car there that night and when they woke, the spare was flat. They tried to air it up but it was dry rotted and she was forced to buy a new tire. She was concerned because she had just enough money for gas to get home to Nebraska. Tired, hungry and low on funds, they made it to Rapid and someone told them of the Mission. Fortunately, it was breakfast time and they were able to eat. Afterwards, they volunteered to help clean the dining room and get cleaned up themselves. We put them into the Chapel, and they slept for a few hours. When they woke, we set them up with a care package from the kitchen, went to the gas station and filled her tank, checked all fluids and tires. All the while, she kept saying that this is a miracle. I kept assuring her that, yes, this is how it works. Our faith gets us through and Jesus is always here with us. When she was ready to leave, her and her daughter latched onto me and gave me the biggest hug while giving never ending thanks. They took off south to Nebraska and I have no doubt they made it all the way with no problems. This is what we do.”



Highmark Federal Credit Union brought us a TON of socks!
Thanks to everyone that contributed!



Some of the graduates from the Life Inc classes on Nutrition on a Budget, Healthy Choices, & Financial Freedom.
Congratulations!



Marge Buchert purchased a toy for each child at the Women & Children's Home.
So sweet of her!



Christine Siim, our Veterans art class teacher, in front of part of the Veterans art display at the library.



James Ann, Heath & Gypsy Rose Tattoo once again brought coffee, creamer, sugar & baked goods for the Veterans. What good friends they are to our Veterans!



Cornerstone had a float in the Parade Of Lights this year. Thank you Kim Panton for making this happen & thanks to everyone that worked on the float!



Scheels is such a good friend to Cornerstone!



Stephanie Born & her son, Devon, purchased new coats for all the children at the Women & Children's Home. That's 24 coats - So generous!



Krystal Freidel & Robert Brancato from Ride Therapy Project brought items & a check for our Veteran program. Thanks!

SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL— A FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS



Some of our friends from Synchrony Financial.

We have many groups that prepare and serve meals at Cornerstone - some of them have done it for a very long time! Synchrony Financial is one of those groups. They have been serving a meal once a month at 30 Main for 20 YEARS - fried chicken provided by the employees to be exact. They estimate they have purchased 7,500 chickens in that timeframe - that's a lot of chicken!

They also blessed us recently with an \$8,000 grant check. This money will be used for utility and security deposits for our guests that move out. What a great way to help our guests gain their independence!

ROARY THE LION



Deb Malott & Fay Swenson

Fay Swenson once again came through with the Avon holiday stuffed animal for all the children of Cornerstone. This is her 17th year of this amazing generous tradition! Fay states that Deb Malott was her "helper elf". She also wanted to thank Faith Lutheran Church and Letuca Scott for sewing the denim bags - and BH Urgent Care, Skyline Health Care, Letuca Scott, and Dr. Edward Lynch for the items that were placed in the bags. Each Roary had a bag filled with shower gel, lip balm, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, and a comb. We want to thank Fay for her dedication to the children of Cornerstone and also a big thank you to all her generous "elves". The children are going to love Roary!

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

GIFT BASKETS NEEDED FOR THE CORNERSTONE CELEBRATES BANQUET

In preparation for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission's biggest fundraiser of the year, Cornerstone Celebrates, (formerly the Bird & Bison Banquet), we are asking churches, businesses, or any interested parties, to put together a gift basket to be sold at our silent auction that evening, March 10, 2018.

I have been amazed in the past by the generosity of the people who put such great items in these baskets and by the creative people who decorate them. We hope that your group will come together and take on this fun project. Contact Deb at dberg@cornerstonemission.org or 718-8712 for more information.



Our awesome Hill City group was back again this year with cute handcrafted pillow cases, pillows, and purses filled with all kinds of goodies for the ladies at the Women & Children's Home. We want to send a big Thank You to all the generous people of Hill City and also to their local Dollar General!



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