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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

I always love the beginning of the New Year and set aside time January 1 to just sit in God's presence and listen to what He wants to tell me. It varies from year to year depending on what is happening in my life, but it gives me a lot of peace and a strong foundation. One thing never changes though, and that is giving him thanks for all of the blessings he brings to me and my family – and they are too numerous to count. Even when things are not going well, the blessings still outweigh the burden by far.

This Thanksgiving, our Kitchen Manager, Rhonda Percy, put up a bulletin board and added some leaves for our guests to write about what they were thankful for. After Thanksgiving I took the leaves as I wanted to read what our guests wrote and here are a sampling of a few of them: “freedom and grace,” “the new friends and a roof and to be free and everyone at the Mission,” “the friends I made and to listen about God and the Bible,” “thank you Lord for the strength to go through all the trials,” “my new amazing life through my Savior, Jesus Christ,” “family and small things,” “the things I had to go through,” “my family,” “another day to live,” “being able to serve God,” “that my children are warm and safe,” “the extraordinary Cornerstone Staff and all of the selfless volunteers whom give of their time because they have heart.”

Not only do we celebrate Thanksgiving, but we carry on that spirit of thanks into the Christmas Holidays. Many of the Christmas carols we hear and sing speak of thanks to the miracle of the birth of Jesus and His resulting ministry and sacrifice for the love of all of mankind. And, it's also a time to celebrate what Christmas is all about: the birth of Jesus and the love of family.

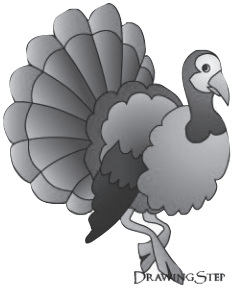
Cornerstone Rescue Mission is grateful for all who have donated to us with their time, money, donations to our Thrift Store, and for your prayers. 2016 was a difficult year for us financially, yet we are so grateful for the continued support of our donors, a vital part of our Cornerstone Family. We continue to lift up all of you and your families in prayer and thanksgiving. We wish you a Happy New Year full of health, love, prosperity and a deeper relationship with God – our provider and our strength!

Happy New Year,  
Lysa



# THANKSGIVING AT CORNERSTONE

*What does 27 turkeys mean at Cornerstone?? Thanksgiving of course!*



Rhonda, the manager of the kitchen, estimates that approximately 275 people enjoyed the Thanksgiving meal at Cornerstone. This included our guests at Cornerstone and people from the public. The food was great and some of the comments they heard were: “Best dinner in town” and “Reminds me of mom’s dressing”.

We want to thank Rhonda, Kelly, Gregg, and the many volunteers who worked so hard to prepare and serve this meal, and to everyone who donated turkeys and pies to make this meal possible.

We also want to thank Jami Carpenter for providing and serving the Thanksgiving meal at the Women & Children’s Home. I heard it was a great one! Thanks Jami!



*Jami cooking at the WCH!*





# A HELPING HAND FOR A VETERAN AND HER PETS

*\*This story was given to me by Teena, the Program Manager for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and it just reminds me how important this program is.*

“Syndi came to South Dakota to help out a friend only to have her friend turn on her and kick her out with no place to go and no money to get there. A case manager for Supportive Services for Veteran Families was able to step in and thanks to a good working relationship with a local property manager was able to get her, and her two dogs, into a home. They also assisted in helping her locate a job and get set up with the local veteran services. Syndi is now taking care of her own housing needs and is currently working as an assistant manager. Syndi and her dogs went from the edge of homelessness to the security of their own home.”



## NEW PAJAMAS

Nothing says comfort like a new pair of pajamas! Thanks to Carter's clothing store for children, all the children of the Women & Children's Home will have new pajamas this winter. They have donated 75 pairs of pajamas so far, with at least another 70 pairs coming in the next month or so. How awesome is that!! We want to thank everyone at Carter's for keeping the children of Cornerstone warm and comfortable this winter!



*JoAnna and Jen from Carter's*



# 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 11, 2017.

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.



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## Needs List

### MEN'S MISSION

30 Main St.

#### KITCHEN:

Fruits and vegetables  
Eggs, Milk  
Coffee, Sugar  
Breakfast meats  
Cream of Mushroom  
or Chicken soup

#### MISSION:

Towels, Blankets  
Twin-sized sheets  
Cold weather  
outerwear  
Vacuum cleaner

### VETERANS

30 Main St.

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

### WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, Eggs  
Milk, Cereal  
Sandwich bread  
Butter  
Laundry/dish soap

### APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap  
household cleaners  
**ADOPT A FAMILY:** Gas  
cards, oil changes,  
laundry & dish  
soap, toilet paper,  
household things

### DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

2901 Wisconsin Avenue

Baby wipes & pull-ups  
Food processor  
Canned or fresh fruits  
& vegetables  
Infant swing  
Infant bouncer  
Hand or electric air  
pump  
Small microwave

### CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

401 - 11th Street

Beds, household  
furniture, household  
appliances,  
kitchen items,  
home décor



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