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AN INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

BY MARGARET CAGLE

Lord, on July fourth we'll celebrate
Independence Day in our nation.
You gave us the truth to set us free.
You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

We thank you for the precious freedom
That we have in our nation today.
We know this country's not perfect,
But we honor our nation, the USA.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers,
Who for freedom took a brave stand.
Many placed their very lives in peril
To start a free country in a new land.

This poem sums up everything I could think about writing for the month of July: our independence as a nation, the sacrifice of our military veterans, the fun celebrations with family, and our thankfulness to God for sending his Son, Jesus Christ, to guarantee us eternal life and freedom.

Have a wonderful July celebrating all the above! Thank you for all your concern and compassion for Cornerstone Rescue Mission and our guests.

Lysa

I thank you for the brave soldiers,
Who gave their lives to keep us free.
They gave their ultimate sacrifice
For freedom for Americans like me.

As we shoot fireworks and celebrate
With patriotic concerts and parades,
We thank you for all your blessings
And your great love that never fades.

As we gather with our loved ones
For picnics and barbecues and fun,
We want to thank you for everything,
Especially for sending your only Son!





A PRICELESS STORY

Stephanie, one of our awesome case managers, shared this story and we wanted to pass it along to you.

“About six months after I began working down here at the men’s mission, I had been working with a woman here that was always out drinking, drugging, hanging around all the wrong people, etc. She had left and came back many times. After a while I noticed that she was staying sober and to herself. I found out she had a very traumatic event happen on her last outing. Tragically she was physically assaulted.

I started assisting her in any way that I could. She really showed a desire to change her life and live a life that all our folks desire. She successfully completed 18 months in a local program and has been clean and sober for over two years. She has been employed now for over a year and Cornerstone moved her into her own place. She has been hired to work as a mentor in the program she had previously completed. She is a real success story. If you could have seen her face when I told her she was ready to move into her apartment, it was priceless.”

Thanks Stephanie for sharing this story and for the part you play in changing lives at 30 Main!



The Spearfish American Legion Women's Auxiliary came for a tour and brought a gift bag for each of the Veterans. So thoughtful!



Christine Siim, Gil Gilbert & Molly Thunderchief were honored at the 211 Helpline Spirit of Volunteerism luncheon. Cornerstone has awesome volunteers!



Highmark Credit Union donated their Friday Jeans Day collection to us. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



On May 19th Cornerstone had its annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The Terra Sancta is such a beautiful place; the food is awesome; and the staff are so wonderful to work with! We had about 90 volunteers attend and people really enjoyed it. Doug Thrash, a long-time volunteer in the Cornerstone Thrift Store, gave a very uplifting message. Doug and his wife, Abbie, are just super friends to Cornerstone and we are lucky to have them! We are lucky to have all the volunteers

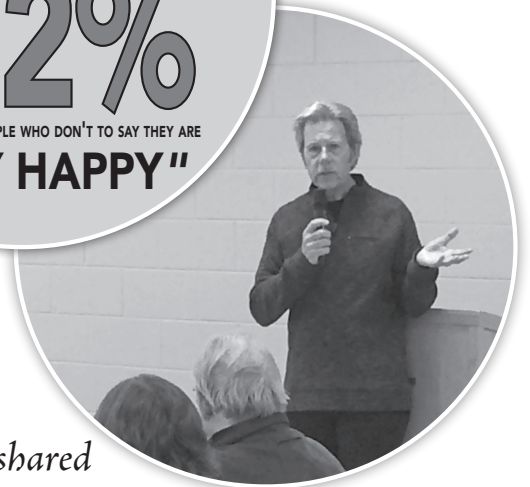
of Cornerstone - there are hundreds of them. Cornerstone would not exist without its many volunteers and we appreciate each one of you! The morning was a great time of fellowship, seeing old friends, and meeting new people - all while enjoying a good breakfast and enjoying the beauty of the Terra Sancta. We hope to see you next year! Thanks for the good conversations and hugs! You all touch my heart!

Deb, Volunteer Coordinator



Shelbi Blankartz, Kaleb Wilkening, Caden Lefler & Rose Lamoureux dropped off a TON of clothes and shoes from the clothing drive started by the Central High Performing Arts Department. We want to thank everyone at Central High School who participated in this clothing drive!

PEOPLE WHO
VOLUNTEER
ARE
↑ **42%**
MORE LIKELY THAN PEOPLE WHO DON'T TO SAY THEY ARE
"VERY HAPPY"



Doug Thrash shared an awesome message at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Thanks Doug!

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**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,
Bottled water for sack lunches
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, Sugar
Laundry/dish soap,
baby wash/baby lotion
Kleenex, Clorox wipes
and Personal hygiene items

**VETERANS
30 Main St.**

Shoes & boots, thermal
underwear, sugar/creamer,
antiperspirant, lotion,
backpacks, coffee

**APARTMENTS
1220 East Blvd.**

Dish soap
household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:

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



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