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## GREAT NEWS

Great news is here and for many reasons: God loves us and cares for us; spring is finally here and the flowers are more beautiful than ever; and we are expanding our Women & Children's Home! Cornerstone Women & Children's Home moved to its current location in August 2015. After a few years of settling in, getting stronger programming in place, and becoming a fixture in the neighborhood, we are expanding into the empty side of our Home. For the past 3.5 years we have housed up to 36 women and children in one half, and the soon to be opened other half will give us 32 more beds for services. The need is definitely there as single mothers with children continue to be the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.

We are excited to be able to help more women and families get needed healing and rest and get back on their feet. Finding employment is a requirement, as is any type of counseling or drug and alcohol treatment they might need. Helping these women and children pick up the pieces of the trauma they have experienced is so rewarding. More importantly, it is a mandate given to us by God. We are grateful to be able to fill both of those roles thanks to supporters like you.

We wanted to give a shout-out to some angels sent to us to make our expansion possible: Dr. Bill Howard who tirelessly went door-to-door to visit his neighbors, requesting they sign a petition to allow us to expand; Ardie Koppelman, who also raised support for us from many of her neighbors in West Hills Village; Janelle Fisk of Fisk Engineering who spearheaded this expansion and filed all the paperwork and managed the process; Vicki Fisher, City of Rapid City Planning and Zoning, who helped us navigate the city requirements and was a huge supporter of ours; the Planning and Zoning Committee who unanimously voted for our expansion; Ron Johnsen who worked tirelessly with everyone above and oversaw the entire project; and of course our neighbors who we have grown close to in the last 3.5 years and support our efforts.

I would be remiss to not thank Jim Castleberry, former CRM Executive Director, who had the foresight to see the need for a better Women & Children's Home and worked with the city and the neighbors to open at our current location. A special shout out and thank-you to Dr. Mark Harlow, Regional Health, who worked diligently with Regional Health (previous owners of the building) to negotiate the best price possible to open a place of hope and healing for homeless women & children!

As you can see, it takes a community; and our donors and sponsors keep that community going. We will let you know when our Open House is - we hope to see you there!

Peace, Lysa



# HILL CITY – A GIVING LENTEN TRADITION

The "Hill City Community" has been busy again! This group continues to amaze me by all the things they do for the Women & Children's Home. Instead of GIVING UP something for Lent, they challenged anyone interested in participating to GIVE something each day for 40 days, and place the items in a black bag. After the Lenten season was over, they delivered 60+ large bags to the Women & Children's Home. The staff then went through these bags,

kept everything useful to the ladies and children, and the rest was sold through the Cornerstone Thrift Store. The proceeds from the Thrift Store support the Women & Children's Home and other expenses of Cornerstone.

We want to thank this group, and everyone in Hill City who participated, for coming together and supporting Cornerstone in this way! We love our Hill City friends!



*Our friends from Hill City!*

Black Hills Community Bank Annual

# Diaper Drive



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*Ross Brown*

## COOL CARS BENEFIT CORNERSTONE

Ross and Cory Brown of RedLine Automotive/Cory's Points Tire & Auto Center held their First Annual Benefit Car Show & Shine event. The day was a great success with 69 entries and good weather. Both the Cornerstone Veterans area and Young Life received a check for \$500 from the proceeds. Thanks Ross and Cory for holding this event - and thanks to everyone who participated!



## ANNA'S KINDNESS VISITS THE WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

The Anna's Kindness group, which was formed by the LeFort family in memory of their 12-year-old daughter Anna, came to the Women & Children's Home for an evening of arts and crafts. They also brought blessing bags for the ladies and toys for the kids. Anna loved to volunteer and was known for her kindness - and this group certainly carries on that legacy! We want to thank them for spending an evening with the kids. They definitely showed Kindness and provided Joy to the children of Cornerstone!



*Anna's Kindness group*



BankWest donated 36 Shrine  
Circus tickets to our ladies & kids  
- How fun! Jeff Baum & Alexa  
Sulken delivered the happy gift!





The Easter Bunnies - Coke & Dick Helmstetter, Pam & Milo Hemmingson - assembled Easter baskets again for the kids of Cornerstone. Fun!



Courtney Sulzbach gathered backpacks and canned goods for her Sturgis Brown High School senior project. Thanks Courtney!



Canyon Lake Elementary students gathered over 2,000 cans of food for Cornerstone. That's a ton of food & we thank them!

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## Needs List

<p><b>MEN'S MISSION</b> 30 Main St. <b>KITCHEN:</b></p> <p>Fruits and vegetables Eggs, Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Oatmeal, Pancake mix Cream of Mushroom or Chicken soup</p> <p><b>MISSION:</b></p> <p>Foot powder Towels, twin-sized blankets Twin-sized sheets Cold weather outerwear Reading glasses Bottled water for sack lunches Personal hygiene items for men &amp; women Backpacks</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE</b> 401 - 11th Street</p> <p>Beds, household furniture, household appliances, kitchen items, home décor</p> <p><b>WOMEN &amp; CHILDREN'S HOME</b> 301 Fox Run Drive</p> <p>Coffee, Eggs Milk, Cereal Sandwich bread Butter, Sugar Laundry/dish soap, baby wash/baby lotion Kleenex, Clorox wipes and Personal hygiene items</p>	<p><b>VETERANS</b> 30 Main St.</p> <p>Shoes &amp; boots, thermal underwear, sugar/creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee</p> <p><b>APARTMENTS</b> 1220 East Blvd.</p> <p>Dish soap household cleaners</p> <p><b>ADOPT A FAMILY:</b> Gas cards, oil changes, laundry &amp; dish soap, toilet paper, household things</p>
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