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THANK YOU!

Acts 20:35 (ESV) states, “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’” At Cornerstone we have ample opportunity to see the above verse in action. Most of our evening and weekend meals are cooked and served by wonderful volunteers who care so much for the homeless that they are willing to sacrifice their time, finances and energy to ensure that the homeless and hungry in our community are fed and loved. We also have several volunteers who donate financially, others donate their time and talents, and others by donating their personal and household goods to our facilities or Thrift Store. Our volunteers donate enough time to fill 12 full-time slots – and they are a necessity for us to keep our facilities open and running. That’s a lot of volunteer hours! It is so wonderful to see the outpouring of love and generosity every single day and truly see how more blessed it is to give than to receive.

We had the honor of having Congressman Dusty Johnson tour our facility on April 11th. He was so interested in our facility and the work we do in the community. He understands the issues regarding mental health and addictions, which affects over 80% of our

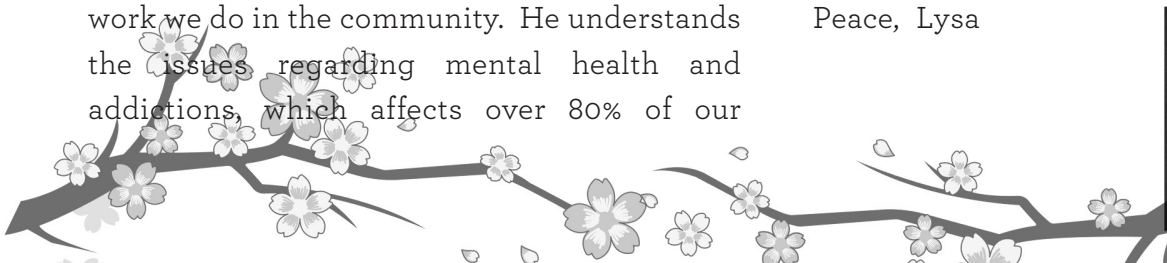
guests. His questions were insightful and the heartfelt concern he showed was amazing. He wanted to meet our guests and our staff and asked them their stories...he truly wanted them to be heard and he wanted to learn from them. If only everyone took that approach to people daily, our world would be a much more positive place!

We also want to thank our Armed Services Veterans this month. Not only have they served our nation since the founding of our country, but they have also done so with humility, bravery, courage, and self-sacrifice. Please honor the fallen on Memorial Day, thank a Veteran and their family (they serve too) and pray for their safety as they protect us. Many Veterans have given the ultimate sacrifice – their lives – just as Jesus Christ did so we could have eternal life and live in physical and spiritual freedom.

Thank you again to our many volunteers, Armed Services Members, Dusty Johnson and all elected officials who serve our country. We Americans have much to be grateful for!

We look forward to honoring our volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 21st – we hope to see you there!

Peace, Lysa





Dusty Johnson toured our facility on April 11th



A Beautiful Letter from a Guest

Dear Mrs. Teena Conrad

“I am reaching to you to first to thank this program and administration for what it has to offer people in need of recovery from homelessness. Second your kind, professional, and sensitive patience for people struggling with many issues that include but not limited to mental illness, substance abuse, and or trauma.

I am a disabled combat veteran, unemployed custodial parent of my minor son, and I am grateful for finding a good place to live in the Corner Stone Apartments, MaryAnn Leanna for her kind and professional presence free of discrimination or favoritism. Thus, maintaining a fair, well balanced and peacefully environment thru positive communication.

This place has offered us, me and my son a place we can call home, we were given a furnished, clean and safe environment to feel in peace behind our door, free of harassment, violence exposure, drugs and tobacco free.

Me and son thank you all in this beautiful gift this administration has to offer to Veterans in need, promoting overall wellness and a platform for recovery, and progress to a better lifestyle out of homelessness.”

Sincerely, Luis & Daniel Rodriguez

Teena is the SSVF Program Coordinator. She works with our Veterans and was able to get Luis and his son into the Cornerstone Apartments, which are managed by Maryann Leanna. Both these ladies are warm, compassionate, and just wonderful with our guests. They both go the extra mile to help our guests with their “next steps” in achieving independence. Thank you Teena and Maryann for everything you do!



Gesture of Thankfulness

David Arriola, a veteran, brought this wonderful Easter basket to thank the Cornerstone SSVF ladies who helped get him housed and back on his feet. What a sweet gift!



Holli Edwards, Heidi Bulman & Leslie Millard from Black Hills Federal Credit Union brought us 40 boxes of coffee. Cornerstone goes through a lot of coffee and we certainly appreciate this generous gift!

The children of the employees from Monument Health Clinical Research Department made Easter baskets for all the children at the Women & Children's Home. How Sweet!



The students of Grandview Elementary did a hat & mitten drive for our guests. Such a warm & cozy gift!

Valley View Elementary has a Caring & Sharing Show the Love event each February where they sell suckers and gather donations for Cornerstone. This year they made \$800 from the sale of the suckers. They also gathered many useful items for our guests and for our pantry. Thanks to all the kids, staff and parents who participated!



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Cornerstone Rescue Mission's

*Volunteer Appreciation
Breakfast*

Place: Terra Sancta Retreat Center
2101 City Springs Road • Rapid City

When: May 21 • 8:30 a.m.

Come join us for a Breakfast Buffet and
a celebration of all the wonderful Volunteers
who support Cornerstone!

Please RSVP to Deb by May 10th at 718-8712
or dberg@cornerstonemission.org

Hope to see you there!



Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, eggs, 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!)