



Rescue Mission

The Heartbeat of The Mission

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

Winter is a beautiful season and when the snow falls and blankets our town it can give a soft and cozy feeling to those of us who are wrapped up in warmth inside our homes. For the homeless individuals who choose not to stay at the Mission, the snow and its frigid temperatures, are life threatening. We have lost four of our dear friends to frigid weather this year. Unfortunately, they had not requested services from the Mission during these cold spells. If they had, we would have gladly helped them. Many of them are in the throes of addiction and/or suffering with mental health issues and choose to live other places besides the Mission, sometimes even outside.

The Mission has three requirements for staying with us: need, sobriety and good behavior. The Mission's top priority is the safety of guests and staff. If a guest does engage in unacceptable

behavior (physical threats to guests/staff, violence, possession of weapons, or physical damage to the facility) we can put them on our "no services" list and temporarily ban them from the Mission. That said, if someone came to the Mission on a freezing night, and was sober,

we would somehow find a place for the person while being mindful of the other guests' safety. And if the individual is intoxicated when they arrive, we work with law enforcement to get them to the detox facility. We do everything we can to help those in need on a frigid night. If you see someone in the community you feel is in need of assistance, please call law enforcement.

Homeless is not a Cornerstone issue - it's a community issue - and it takes a Community to help those in need! Thanks for your compassion to help the homeless in our community.

Peace, Lysa



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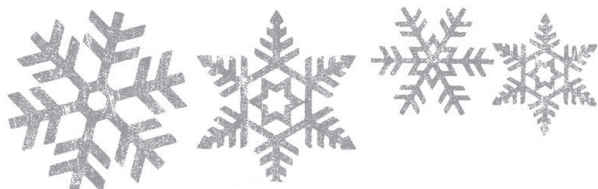
Elida with her new wheels

WHEELS FOR ELIDA

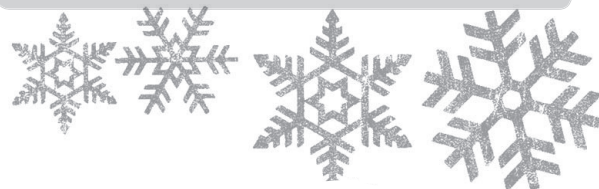
Elida is a single mom with young children. Elida lives at the Cornerstone Apartments with her children. Like all homeless people, Elida faces many hurdles on a daily basis. One of those hurdles was transportation. The simple act of getting into our vehicles and going to work, something we take for granted, is only a dream for a lot of our homeless guests.

And then Fountain Springs Church stepped in. SHIFT Garage is a program, through Fountain Springs, that “repairs vehicles for those in need and provides qualified families with reliable transportation”. Elida applied through the church and was selected to receive a car. This has allowed Elida to not only get one but TWO jobs! Maryann, program manager at the Cornerstone Apartments, describes Elida as a “go-getter with a lot of determination”. I would definitely say that describes someone with two jobs and young children!

We want to congratulate Elida on her new wheels and her new jobs! We also want to thank Fountain Springs, the donor of the vehicle, and the people of SHIFT Garage who made this tremendous gift possible!



Tucker Green delivers coats & a cash donation from employees at Pete Lien & Sons. Thanks to everyone who donated!



Lambda Chi Alpha, a SD School of Mines & Technology fraternity, put together Valentines for all the guests at 30 Main. How sweet!



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN – A GOOD FRIEND TO CORNERSTONE

Kent Baker called me this fall. I always enjoy talking to Kent and this time he had the wonderful news that Westminster Presbyterian had chosen Cornerstone again for their year-end giving project. I have to admit, that made me do a little Happy Dance! Last year Westminster helped us put vinyl plank flooring throughout the common areas of the Women & Children's Home. It was so nice to get rid of the carpet that was continuously dirty! This year they are going to help us furnish the classroom/conference room at the Women & Children's Home. This room will be used for bible studies, parenting/budgeting/life skills classes, addiction recovery meetings, staff meetings, etc. We are going to use the funds to buy a large conference table with chairs, bookcases, and some other comfortable furniture for this room. It is going to transform the whole space into a welcoming area that people want to spend time in. Sandy McFarland recently brought over the check for \$4,000+ to help us get started on this project. Thanks to everyone at Westminster Presbyterian for continuing to be a Good Friend to Cornerstone! We certainly appreciate everything you do for us!



Sandy McFarland delivers a generous check from Westminster!



Spearfish Unit 164 of the American Legion Auxiliary made 40 shower caddies for our Veterans that contained toiletries, gloves, hats, towel, washcloth, socks and \$5 Hardees gift card. So generous and useful for our Veterans!



Cute shower caddies all wrapped up.

Our friends at Spearfish Unit 164 of the American Legion Auxiliary.



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,
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:

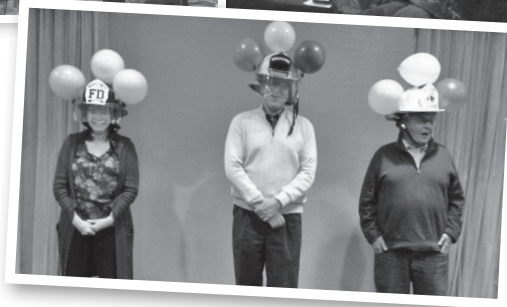
Gas cards, oil changes,
laundry & dish soap, toilet
paper, household things



*Serious competitors
in the Fluffy Bunny
marshmallow game!*



*More silly games
at the party.*



*Lysa, Mark & Ron
join the fun!!*



CORNERSTONE EMPLOYEES HAVE FUN

Every January the employees and board members of Cornerstone gather for a relaxing evening of good food, games, prizes, and fellowship at the Holiday Inn. The employees of Cornerstone face challenges every day in providing the best care possible to our guests and this party is a chance to relax, have some laughs, and enjoy the company of their coworkers in a non-work related setting. This year Tavio Soto, one of our board members, really took it to the next level with some fun games (as can be seen in the pictures). Cornerstone has a lot of great employees and board members and we just ask God to bless them, protect them, and give them wisdom to do their important work!



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