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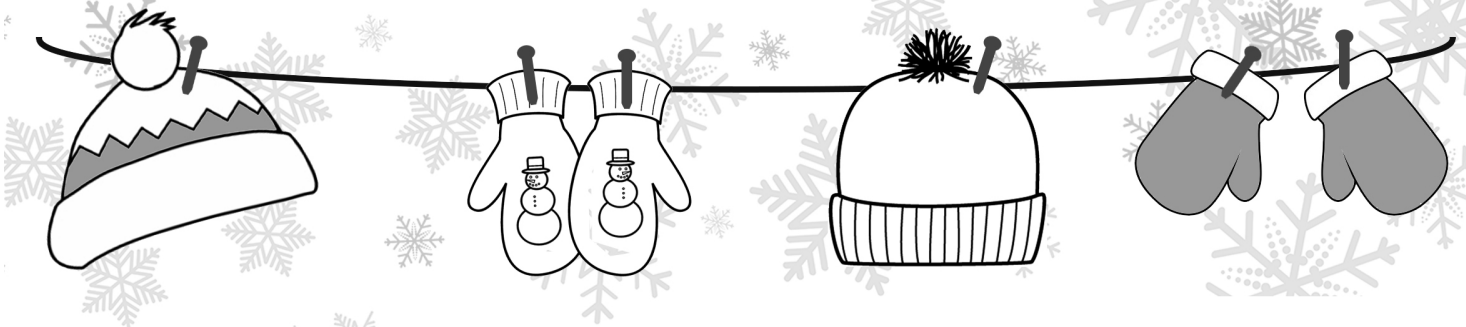
Let the Son Shine!

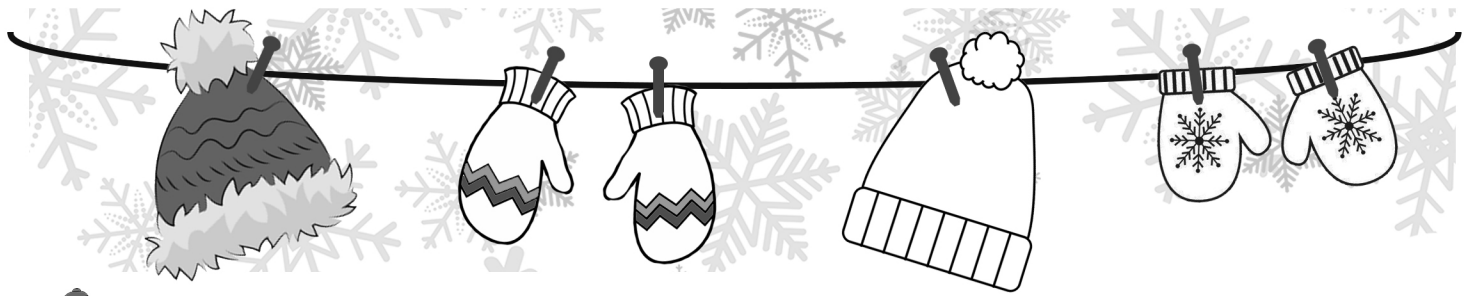
As I am writing this, winter has made her presence known. It is -9, cloud covered, and it looks as cold as it feels. I always thank God that a place like the mission exists for those in need of warmth and safety, but especially when the weather is this frigid and downright dangerous to be out in. We are all waiting for this cold spell to end, and for the sun to shine and melt the snow and ice.

The power of the Son of God does the same, and so much more. Most of the people who stay at the Mission need safety, shelter, food, warmth, and TLC. Just knowing that someone cares enough to help them can start the process of thawing a cold heart full of grief, pain, shame, unforgiveness, and fear and give them peace and hope. As we care for the neediest in our community and show God's love, compassion, and grace, we can help those frozen hearts start to thaw.

Thank you for helping bring the Son of God into their lives. Your partnership with Cornerstone reveals your concern and care for those many have forgotten. The Son of God and the sunshine are bringing much needed warmth!

Peace, Lysa





 **Letter from a Former Guest** Written by Justin Schofield, CTP Program Manager

I received a letter from an individual that had been housed in the Cornerstone CTP Unit. While he stayed here, he struggled with drug addiction. The young man continued to have positive UA's and had a very hard time dealing with his addictions. The staff at the CTP Unit continued to assist him in every way, giving him chance after chance and making referrals to other agencies to assist the young man. The staff refused to give up on him, and he continued to try. The day finally came when he was well enough to exit the CTP Program and go out on his own.

In his letter to me, he kept saying over and over, "Thank you for not giving up on me." He stated that the staff at Cornerstone are the first people that he has had in his life that have not given up on him. He went on to tell me that he now has his own place to live, a wife, and a new daughter. He said that he is now drug free for the first time in a long time, and he now has a job that he has been able to keep. Before because of his addictions, he was not able to keep a job. He ended his letter by saying that because of the dedication that the Cornerstone Staff had, it has changed his life and that he just wanted to let us know that we do make a difference, and he thanked me once again.

A black and white illustration of a polar bear wearing a patterned knit hat with a pom-pom and a matching patterned scarf. The bear is set against a background of falling snowflakes.

Save the Date

Due to COVID-19, the Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet has been moved to **Friday, April 30th.**

Watch for details in our next newsletter. We hope you can attend this fun event that supports caring for the homeless of the Black Hills region!

Day of Giving

For their Day Of Giving project, the students at Corral Drive Elementary and Southwest Middle School performed 1,243 acts of kindness. That's a lot of kindness! To encourage the kids, Black Hills Pediatric Dentistry and the Live Like Lilli Foundation pledged \$1.00 for each kind act. Cornerstone was blessed to receive the \$1,243 donation from the efforts of these awesome kids! Thank You!



Ross Brown & Teena Conrad, SSVF Program

Cool Cars Benefit Cornerstone

Ross and Cory Brown of RedLine Automotive/Cory's Point S Tire & Auto Center held their 2nd Annual Benefit Car Show & Shine event. They generously donated the \$400 proceeds from this event to the Veterans who stay at Cornerstone. Thanks Ross and Cory for holding this event - and thanks to everyone who participated!



Sara VanVlack, Cornerstone Business Manager, is shown with the \$2,500 check Scheels donated to Cornerstone through their Scheels Spreads Joy Campaign. We certainly appreciate their generosity! Thanks again for including Cornerstone in this program!



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Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, 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.

Gift Baskets Needed



for the Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet

In preparation for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission's biggest fundraiser of the year, Cornerstone Celebrates, we are asking churches, businesses, or any interested parties to put together a gift basket to be sold at our silent auction that evening, April 30, 2021.

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. Contact Deb at dberg@cornerstonemission.org or 718-8712 for more information.



A correction to our story in January: Fay Swenson called to let me know that MANY people helped her purchase the cute Avon polar bears for all the children of Cornerstone. We want to thank EVERYONE who helped her with this awesome project!

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!)