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### THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM

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. All of our evening and weekend noon 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, with their time and talents, and with their personal and household goods. In 2017 we had almost 23,000 hours' worth of donated volunteer time to keep our facilities up and running. From reading books and doing activities with the children, to putting donation bags together, sorting and displaying thrift store items, hanging clothes, providing meals, picking up food from restaurants, and providing fellowship to our quests - our volunteers come together to help us care for the neediest in our community. It is so wonderful to see the outpouring of love and generosity every single day and truly see how it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We also want to thank our Armed Services veterans this month. Not only have they served our nation since the founding of our country, they have done so with humility, bravery, courage, and self-sacrifice. We've had so many deployments in our country and the volunteer spirit of our Armed Forces and their family members cannot go unnoticed. As you go to the cemeteries to honor those who have passed away, remember to thank a veteran and their family. Some have given the ultimate sacrifice – their lives. Veterans are the ultimate volunteers. As was our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave of his life so we could have eternal life and live in physical and spiritual freedom.

We have so much to be grateful for! Thank you again our many volunteers and we look forward to honoring you at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 19th!



# ANNA'S KINDNESS COMES TO THE WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

The group Anna's Kindness, 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 afternoon of art, crafts, and fingernail painting. The kids had a blast! We also want to thank Somer Kingsbury and Who's Toy House for the donation of an art desk, easel, and art supplies. Anna loved to volunteer and was known for her kindness – and this group certainly carries on that legacy! Thanks to everyone who came together to give the children at the Women & Children's Home a fun afternoon!



The group Anna's Kindness visit the Women & Children's Home

### **CARING STUDENTS**



Lysa & Mark visited Valley View School to talk to the kids & accept donations from them. What a fun visit! Thanks!



The Project Based Learning class at East Middle School held a dance and donated the proceeds to the Women & Children's Home. What a wonderful group of kids!



Pinedale School did a Coins For Cornerstone and Essential Items drive. How sweet!

When children join together they sure can make a difference and that is exactly what the children of Valley View, East Middle, and Pinedale Elementary School did! Each school did a separate drive for Cornerstone where they collected money, personal hygiene items, diapers, food, cleaning products, and paper products for Cornerstone. Most of the items will be used at the Women & Children's Home and the funds will buy bus passes for the ladies that are staying there. As you can imagine, transportation is difficult when you do not own

a car and these bus passes will be greatly appreciated by the ladies as they go to work, medical appointments, classes, etc. A note attached to some of the donations read "Not only do we help the needy, we teach children to be kind, generous and loving to others." I like that!

We want to thank all the children, staff, and parents of Valley View, East Middle, and Pinedale for joining together to bless the ladies and children finding refuge at Cornerstone!

### FRIENDS OF CORNERSTONE



Rapid City Regional Respiratory Therapy Department donated dental items for Cornerstone. Thanks so much!



Enterprise Rent-A-Car made a donation to our Night Of Hope event coming up this summer.

So generous!



Calvary Lutheran Church brought books and a cash donation to the Women & Children's Home. So thoughtful!



Ayana Osborne from Sturgis Brown High School collected dental items for the Women & Children's Home as her senior project. Thanks Ayana!



The girls from Open Bible Christian Center's Kidz Life Ministry - Stars Class made Easter baskets for all the kids at the Women & Children's Home. The kids were thrilled!



Hill City came together again for their Lenten project. Instead of giving up things, they gave up items to the Women & Children's Home.

The Hill City community is SO generous!

## CHRISTINE - A GOOD FRIEND TO CORNERSTONE VETERANS

We are proud to announce that Christine Siim was named the Volunteer of the Month for March, 2018 through the Volunteer of the Month Program sponsored by the Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care, a division of Black Hills Surgical Hospital.

Christine created and runs the Veterans art class at 30 Main twice weekly. This class is a great chance for the guys to socialize, be creative, and have some laughs. They all thoroughly enjoy the class and other guests of Cornerstone will even sometimes stop in and join the fun. Christine will also take the guys to the Dahl Arts Center to see different exhibits. Her class is a fun place to be and she makes everyone feel welcome!

Audrey Nordine from the Helpline Center and Kathy Lees from Black Hills Urgent Care presented Christine with a framed certificate, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care, and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Steve Allender.

Thank you Christine for your caring heart with the Veterans of Cornerstone!



Audrey-Helpline Center, Deb, Christine, Kathy-BH Surgical Hospital







## "Homeless but not Hopeless" 9th annual Golf Tournament

TO BENEFIT THE CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

Where: Red Rocks Golf Course, Rapid City SD When: Friday June 22, 2018 (11:00 AM Shot Gun Start) Sponsor Fee: \$150 per Person OR \$600 per Group,

4 Person, 18-Hole Scramble (Includes Golf, Cart and Range Balls).

\*\*\*Limited to first 144 players who respond.\*\*\*

BBQ FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT, PIN & OVERALL PRIZES WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA EMAIL AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER PRIZES. ALL MONIES BEING DONATED TO: THE CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION.

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I have enclosed a per person or team en I am unable to participate in the tourna	ntry fee of \$ ment, but would like to support The Corner Stone Mission. I have enclosed a donation of \$ ment, but would like to sponsor a hole prize valued at \$250.00	
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Player's Names:	Player's Names:	
Team Contact Person:		
Phone #:	Email Address:	

Mail Entry forms, fees and donations by May 15, 2018 to: M.G. Oil Company Attn: Tammy Young Johnson/Erika Labor

PO Box 1006, Rapid City SD 57709 Email questions to: tammy@mgoil.com. THANKS for supporting a great charity!!

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Backpacks

(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)