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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. When COVID-19 hit, many of our volunteers had to stop coming due to the pandemic. Yet, we still had groups cooking and dropping off meals for us. Our volunteers 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. We are so grateful for our volunteers that 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 to our many volunteers and donors – we truly cannot do it without you!

Peace, Lysa



## ★★★ Helping Veterans Find Stability

Cornerstone certainly appreciates the sacrifices that all Veterans make in the protection of our country. Our Supportive Services For Veteran Families program provides case management, help finding housing with rent and utility assistance, household items to make a home, and a special area to stay at Cornerstone until they are ready to move out on their own.

Teena Conrad, SSVF Program Coordinator, (who worked with Aaron) and Jade Ronk, SSVF Case Manager, called Aaron Carson - to talk to him about his experience with Cornerstone lately and their summary is below. Teena, Jade, and everyone at Cornerstone are so excited about the progress Aaron has made to find stability for his family!



Aaron & his family.

“Sometimes we find success through struggle. Aaron Carson, whom is a combat veteran, reached out to the SSVF program as he and his family were in need after relocating back to SD on short notice. At the time, they had nowhere to go and no one that could offer his family the support they needed. Thankfully, SSVF was able to assist them by offering the help his family needed to navigate the immediate crisis and challenging times they faced over the coming months. During that time, he was able to achieve all the goals he set which were to secure affordable housing which provided a place for his family to create a home, survive a huge setback in his health and recover, become more financially stable and build a strong foundation for his family to be able to move forward.

While in the program, he shared that one of the reasons he felt he was so successful was due to the staff providing case management, a non-judgmental attitude, and genuine concern to help him achieve his goals all while holding him accountable to each step of the process so they could work together as a team. This set him up for success while providing him the tools and resources they needed as well as gave him more hope as he began moving in a positive direction in his life. Eventually he was able to achieve the goals he set out to accomplish. This resulted in giving him the things he needed to assist him in becoming financially independent and allowed him to dream of bigger and better things in the future.”

A group of guys from the Triangle Fraternity at the South Dakota School of Mines helped out at the Cornerstone Thrift Store. They were a great help!





Lysa & Carrie Martinez from Zonta

Carrie Martinez from the Zonta Club of the Black Hills presented Lysa with a yellow rose in honor of International Women’s Day and all the contributions Lysa has made to helping the homeless of the Black Hills region. She was one of five ladies chosen from the Rapid City area. Congratulations Lysa!



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 \$675 from the sale of the suckers and the staff contributed another \$120. They also gathered many useful items. Thanks to all the kids, staff and parents who participated. We love Valley View Elementary!



The employees and families of the Monument Health Research Department made Easter baskets for all the children at the Women & Children’s Home. We would like to thank this group for making Easter special for our kids. They were thrilled to receive these special baskets!



Diann, Molly & Patreece from the Cornerstone Apartments graduated from the Life Inc. Common Sense Parenting class. Congratulations Ladies!





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**“Homeless but Not Hopeless”**

12th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Cornerstone Rescue Mission



**Where:** Red Rocks Golf Course, Rapid City SD

**When:** Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (9:00 AM Shot Gun Start) New Start Time

**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. Team winners will be announced on Corner Pantry FB Page.

ALL monies being donated to: The Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

Mail in Entry Form

I have enclosed a per person or team entry fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\$150 per Person or \$600 per Team of 4

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Entry forms, fees by **June 1, 2021** to:

**M.G. Oil Company**

**Attn: Tammy Young**

**PO Box 1006, Rapid City SD 57709**

Email questions to: [tammy@mgoil.com](mailto:tammy@mgoil.com). **THANKS for supporting a great charity!!**

*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.



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!)