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A NIGHT AT THE MISSION



Dr. Mark Harlow, Dr. Chad Carpenter, Dr. Chad Meyer, Rod Seals, Lysa Allison, Mayor Steven Allender, Karl Jegeris, & Ron Johnsen



Lysa gets people settled.

On Wednesday, August 30th, Mayor Steve Allender, Police Chief Karl Jegeris, Interim Fire Chief Rod Seals, and other supporters of the Mission spent the night at our men's Mission to raise awareness for homeless veterans due to an increase in their numbers in our area. After a media event to thank our many wonderful sponsors, the group went down to the soup kitchen and waited in line for a wonderful meal supplied by Faith Lutheran Church. They ate in the dining room and had opportunities to mingle with our guests.

After supper, we all met in our Chapel and we reviewed the intake process and the rules, just as anyone else coming into our shelter would receive. A formerly homeless veteran we housed in an apartment came and told his story of how he became homeless and following were lots of good, honest questions and answers so everyone had a deeper perspective. One of our female tenants gave her story of how she came to the Mission and spent a few nights on the floor until they had room at our Women and Children's Home. She was then able to transition to her own apartment at Cornerstone Apartments where she has lived for a few years and continues to be very successful.



Generous Sponsors

Then, a bed was assigned and bed roll and locker combination given, and they went up to the shelter to find and make their beds. Lights out at 10 pm and wake up at 6 am - just like everyone else. From the conversations I have had with those involved, they found the experience to be enlightening and they saw and heard stories of survival, collaboration and concern for the welfare of others. Everyone left with a deeper appreciation for the homeless population and the generosity of our donors who make running our mission possible. We hope to continue to do this on an annual basis so people can meet our guests, hear their stories and see the commonalities that we all share. Jesus wanted to walk with those in need, and our city leaders did the same, resulting in a greater appreciation for the neediest in our community. We are grateful for all of those in the community who serve or give to the Mission in any capacity.

Peace, Lysa



BLACK HILLS BACK40

On July 29th about 110 mountain bikers took to the forest to ride an 8, 22, or 40 mile trail. It was quite a sight to see them all take off together and I was amazed at how quickly they returned! There were riders of all ages that participated in the 6th annual Black Hills Back40. This was Cornerstone's first year with this event and we were thrilled when Phil Busching approached us to be part of it. He, along with Chad Meyer and Jamie Gerlach, put a lot of hours into making this event such a success - and we can't thank those guys enough! A special thanks also goes out to Black Hills Surgical Hospital (as the main sponsor) and all the other businesses and people who helped sponsor this event or donated items. A lot of people came together to make it a great day and we thank each one of you! Also thanks to the National Forest Service and adjacent land owners for access to the trails. After the trail dust had settled, Cornerstone received a check for over \$15,000, with checks also going to Pennington County Search & Rescue and the Black Hills Amateur Radio Club. Both of these groups helped to guarantee the safety of the riders that day. We also want to send out a big thanks to Rimrock E-Free Church for letting us start and finish the race in the beautiful area behind their church. We hope to see all the riders again next year!



Deb, Lysa, Tammy Ackerman board member & Phil Busching race organizer.



Corey, Beth, & Lennon VanVlack finish strong.

OFF AND RUNNING

August 26th was a beautiful morning in the park.....nice weather.....friendly people.....a few snacks.....how can you go wrong? It was the day we held the 5th annual Cornerstone 5K Run/Walk and I'm always so thankful when it does not rain! We had about 80 participants and it just was a fun morning. I want to thank everyone who participated in the 5K, those who sponsored the event, and everyone that helped out that day! I hope to see you all again next year.....on another non-raining day!



GETTING DIRTY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Did your mother ever tell you not to play in the mud? Well, on September 9th that rule was thrown out the window and kids were encouraged to play in the mud - kids and adults as well - at the Mud West Fun Fest put on by Leadership Rapid City Class of 2016. The area behind the Central States Fairgrounds, with the help of RCS Construction, was transformed into a mud playground of epic proportions. The morning started with a Corporate Challenge obstacle course competition. The rest of the day

Lysa takes the plunge was filled with volleyball, a kids' mud zone, and many people sliding down the tower of mud. The event continued into the evening with the band "Common Law". The money raised from this event will be used to buy new tables and chairs for the dining room at the mission, which will completely transform that space. We want to thank Leadership Rapid City Class of 2016 for their hard work and vision, the many sponsors, and the donors of items and services that helped put on such a great event!



Team Cornerstone - Roderick Marquez, Tavio Soto, Stephanie Davidson, Chad Carpenter, Jaffar Karim

THIS IS SHIRLEY

This is Shirley. Shirley Whitney. I love Shirley! Not only is Shirley a friend of my parents but she is a friend of mine, and a great friend to Cornerstone! Shirley loves to shop and she shops, shops, and shops for Cornerstone. Hardly a week goes by that she does not bring something for the ladies or children at the Women & Children's Home or the men at 30 Main. She has a very generous heart and we thank her for caring about our guests!

We love Shirley!



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, Blankets
Twin-sized sheets
Cold weather outerwear
Reading glasses
Men and women's long
underwear
Socks
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
Laundry/dish soap
Baby wipes & pull-ups
Personal hygiene items

VETERANS

30 Main St.

Shaving cream & razors, shoes
& boots, backpacks,
underwear & ,T-shirts, coffee

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap
household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:

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

FRIENDS OF CORNERSTONE



Don & Cherie Hilton & the Grace United Methodist gang continue to bring in a ton of produce to our kitchen. Thanks!



Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons made pallet planters for the Women & Children's Home. How cute!



United Way Day of Caring was a great help in the thrift store!

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