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JUST AS I AM

Many years ago, Charlotte Elliot was a spirited young woman who contracted a devastating illness at 30 years of age. This illness left her an invalid and she fell into depression and turned away from composing and performing music. A well-known evangelist visited her and convinced her to put her life and illness into the hands of God. She did so and found an inner peace and strength that allowed her to pen the fabulous hymn, "Just As I Am."

People come to the Mission just as they are: hungry, tired, sick, depressed, sometimes dirty, addicted, and always homeless. They often come in resigned to their fate, angry at the world - yet longing for friendship. Cornerstone Rescue Mission accepts them just as they are! They are often surprised when we get them clothing from our Thrift Store, when staff are willing to sit and pray with them and help them rest and heal, when we provide them a healthy meal three times a day at no cost, and always happy to have a nice blanket and pillow to rest on. Thankfully God accepts us just the way we are too and allows us to minister to our families, church members, friends and

community members. God put us here specifically to love and serve others and we are honored to do so alongside of all of you.

A few groups that also recently came alongside the mission to serve the homeless were the United Way Day of Caring folks who helped us in our Thrift Store and at our Women and Children's Home. Black Hills Beauty College ministers to our guests with vouchers by giving free haircuts and making them look and feel better. The sponsors and riders at the Back 40 Mountain Bike Race learned more about the homeless and donated funds for operational expenses. So many people rally around the Mission and the homeless and don't realize the wonderful impact they make. Thank you for caring for the homeless and serving them in your own unique way!



Peace, Lysa

Our Friends at Black Hills Beauty College

We are so thankful for the people at Black Hills Beauty College! When Joe or Steph, our case managers, request a haircut for one of our guests, they gladly do it for Free! They have done it for years and we can't thank them enough! Getting a haircut from a professional is such a treat for our guests and it makes a big difference when they are seeking employment! Joe brought them pizza recently as a small token of Thanks from Cornerstone.

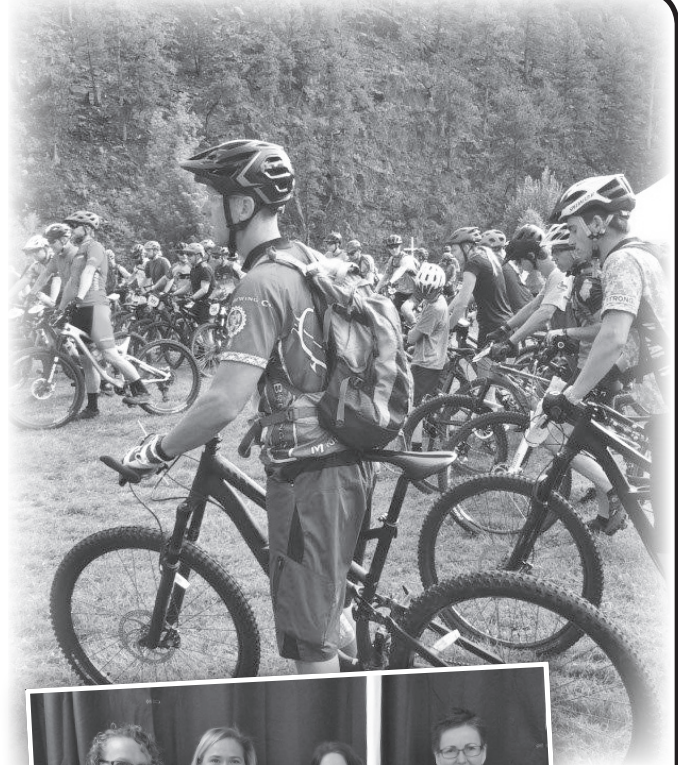
Thanks BH Beauty College!



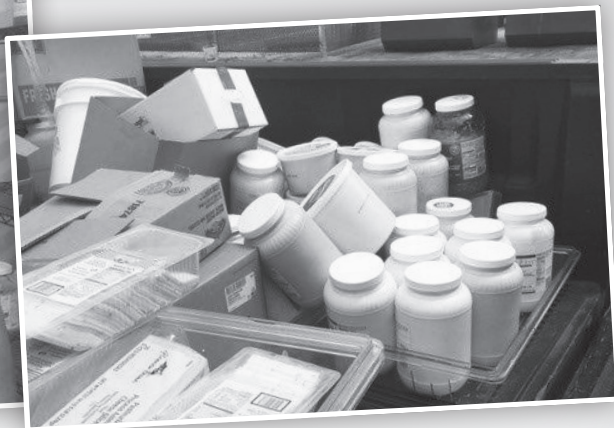
Some of our Friends at Black Hills Beauty College.

BLACK HILLS BACK40 RIDES AGAIN

On July 28th about 113 hardy mountain bike riders took off in the Hills to ride either a 10, 20 or 40 mile trail as part of the 7th annual Black Hills Back40. It is quite a sight to see them all take off together and I am always surprised by how quickly they return. Even the muddy trails this year did not seem to slow them down! Phil Busching, Emily Wheeler and Nicole Craig put a lot of hours into making this event such a success and we can't thank them enough! A special thanks also goes out to the Black Hills Surgical Hospital (as the main sponsor) and all the other businesses and people who helped sponsor this event or donated items. We also thank the many volunteers who helped - and thanks to the National Forest Service and adjacent land owners for access to the trails. After the mud had dried, Cornerstone received a check for over \$10,000, 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. As always, we also 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. It is truly the perfect spot! A lot of people came together to make it a great day and we thank each one of you! We hope to see all the riders, and new ones too, again next year!



Nicole Craig, Emily Wheeler, Lysa & Deb celebrate the final donation to Cornerstone!



Amanda Cline (Service Mgr) & Richard Smith (General Mgr) from the now closed Native New Yorker Grill & Wings donated a TON of food, cleaning supplies & paper products to Cornerstone. So generous!

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

Every year we are blessed to have a couple groups from United Way Day of Caring help us out at Cornerstone. This year we had a group from Highmark Credit Union working in the Thrift Store and a group from United Blood Services that did some yard work at the Women & Children's Home. The help from these groups is always appreciated and we thank them for taking time out of their busy schedules to volunteer at our facilities!



The group from United Blood Services did yard work at the Women & Children's Home.



Highmark Credit Union guys helped in the back lot of the Thrift Store.



Highmark Credit Union ladies helped organize clothes in the Thrift Store.

NECESSITIES WE TAKE FOR GRANTED

Do you grumble when you need to stop and put gas in your car or when you need to stop at Walmart for some necessities? Me too! I grumble at the inconvenience of having to stop and do it. I constantly need to remind myself that I am LUCKY to have the financial means to do these things!

A lot of our guests are not so lucky. Buying a tank of gas or some personal care items at Walmart is simply not possible, maybe because of the loss of a job, a disability check that simply doesn't cover everything, or choosing between medications and necessities. The reasons are varied but the fact remains that many of our guests simply go without.

This is where you can help out. The donation of a gift card to a gas station or Walmart can be a great help to someone who simply needs a little help. We will be gathering gift cards and our case managers will give them out on a case-by-case basis. These can be mailed to P.O. Box 2188, RC 57709-2188, Att: Deb.

If you prefer to donate items, some of our needs right now are: travel-size shampoo, cream rinse, body wash, toothpaste, shaving cream, lotions; toothbrushes, razors, foot powder, combs, brushes, men's underwear, and backpacks. And of course, winter is right around the corner so we will be beginning to stock up on twin-sized blankets, long underwear and winter gear. These items can be dropped off at the main mission, 30 Main Street.



Thanks for considering a donation of one of the simple "necessities" of life!

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
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



Sancia, Jett, Chaske, Carlencia & Billy from the Forest Service Boxelder Job Corps group helped us out in the kitchen. Such a nice group of young people!

Think you can't change the future?

THINK AGAIN

Leave a Legacy

There are a number of ways that you can become a Cornerstone Rescue Mission Foundation supporter, and, at the same time, realize favorable tax and estate planning for you, your family, and your heirs:

Assets Your Legacy can Live On!

For more information on any of these options, or to schedule an appointment to discuss them, please contact Jim Castleberry, Cornerstone Foundation Director, at 605-209-0152 or jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org

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