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A NEW SEASON

Summer is winding down and school is in session and the trees are starting to show signs of changing. As you can see from the following articles we've had a lot of fun this summer and have created some good memories. As the season moves from summer to fall and temperatures drop, we are preparing to serve our guests by stocking up on coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.

Many of you may have seen the recent media exposure indicating a shortage of funding to make it through the year. While that is true, we are still striving to do our best to serve our guests to the best of our ability and will continue to do so. We ask that you help us spread the word about all the good things we do at the Mission, and that our need continues to increase as our guest numbers increase – especially as the cold season is approaching.

We would like you to mark your calendars for November 12th! Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a Billy McGuigan concert at the Performing Arts Center for Cornerstone Rescue Mission and another local agency. Tickets can be purchased at performingartsrc.org. It will be a fun night and you will see more information in our next newsletter. Thank you for being a loyal member of the Cornerstone family. We appreciate your donations, support and prayers and ask that you pray for wisdom, guidance and provision as we prepare for the fall and winter seasons.

Peace, Lysa

5K Run for the Homeless

On August 13th Cornerstone held its 4th annual 5K Fun Run/Walk. The weather was perfect and about 75 people showed up and completed the three mile course – with the winner doing so in 21 minutes. Everyone seemed to enjoy the beautiful morning, the food, and the good fellowship afterwards. We thank everyone who participated and also the sponsors who make this event possible. We encourage you to come and join the fun at next year's annual 5K.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Conrad "Gil" Gilbert, a resident at the Cornerstone Apartments, recently was surprised to find out that he had been chosen as Volunteer of the Month. The Volunteer of the Month program is sponsored by the Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care, a division of Black Hills Surgical Hospital.

Gil was nominated by Maryann Leanna, Program Director of the apartments. She states that "Gil is always

Kathy Lees - B.H. Urgent Care, Gil, Maryann Leanna, Lynn Taylor Rick - Helpline Center

asking if we need anything from him.

He has cut down trees, mowed the lawn and shoveled snow. He just helps out wherever we need him. And he is always quick to give a helping hand if tenants are carrying things. He never complains and says he just likes to keep busy. Gil is such a giving person who never expects anything in return."

The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Gil with a framed certificate, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care, and a letter of appreciation from Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender.

Way To Go Gil !!!



UNITED WAY KICKS IT INTO HIGH GEAR

Once again Cornerstone was blessed to have groups from the United Way Day of Caring event work at two of our sites. At the Women & Children's Home a group did some much needed land regrading to correct a drainage problem and prevent water from leaking into the basement.

At the Thrift Store a group worked with the electronics and also with the tremendous amount of shoes we get donated.

We want to thank our United Way groups for all their hard work and we look forward to being a part of the United Way Day of Caring event next year!

BUSY SUMMER/BUSY KIDS



The kids at the Dear Ones Daycare were BUSY! When I asked, Jamie, the Program Director, about what they had done this summer I was surprised by the list of activities she gave me. They went to Story Book Island, the public library for story time with yoga, Dinosaur Museum, a trip through Custer State Park and the Needles Highway, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse. They went to the Outdoor Campus, the Air and Space Museum, Bear Country, Call of the Wild, Dancing with Wolves movie site, and the Keystone Historic School. Additionally they went on many picnics to Canyon Lake Park, Robbinsdale Park, Keystone Park, and Custer Park as well. I was surprised by the number of places they went! We want to thank everyone who helped with the field trips, donated free or reduced admission rates, or donated money towards funding these trips. It sounds like the kids had a blast!



A GARDEN FOR CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone was blessed this summer with so many people who brought in wonderful fresh produce from their gardens. Don and Cherie Hilton and Grace United Methodist Church took it one step further. Don and Cherie, with the help of others, planted a garden on the church property of Grace United Methodist. The whole summer Don and Cherie tended this garden and brought most of the produce into the Cornerstone kitchen.

We want to thank Don and Cherie, Grace United Methodist, and all the people who brought in fresh fruits and vegetables this summer to help us feed our guests healthy and tasty meals!











A NICE SURPRISE

On August 27th the South Dakota Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association presented Cornerstone with a check for \$500 to go towards meeting the needs of the Veterans that stay with us. What a nice surprise! Thanks for thinking of the homeless Veterans of the Black Hills region!



Did you know that if you are a member of Thrivent Financial you may be able to direct Choice Dollars[®] and Action Teams to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission?

For more information or to direct Choice Dollars, call 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice. $\ensuremath{^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}}$

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MEN'S MISSION 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Fruits and vegetables Eggs, Milk Coffee, Sugar Breakfast meats Cream of Mushroom or Chicken soup

MISSION: Towels, Blankets Twin-sized sheets Cold weather outerwear Vacuum cleaner

VETERANS

30 Main St. Shaving cream & razors, shoes & boots, backpacks, underwear & T-shirts, coffee

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

301 Fox Run Drive Coffee, Eggs Milk, Cereal Sandwich bread Butter Laundry/dish soap

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd. Dish soap household cleaners ADOPT A FAMILY: Gas cards, oil changes, laundry & dish soap, toilet paper, household things

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

2901 Wisconsin Avenue Baby wipes & pull-ups Food processor Canned or fresh fruits & vegetables Infant swing Infant bouncer Hand or electric air pump Small microwave



401 - 11th Street Beds, household furniture, household appliances, kitchen items, home décor

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!)