



*The Heartbeat of The Mission*

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WOMEN & CHILDREN’S HOME

It’s hard to believe that a year has gone by since we moved into our new Cornerstone Women & Children’s Home. The women and children really appreciate the much needed space, the playground and yard to play in, the accessibility to more jobs and public transportation, but most of all, a nice, clean, cozy place to call home while they rebuild their lives.

For all of the individuals and organizations that donate financially, donate goods, and help the women learn living skills, we are very, very grateful and appreciate your continued support. And to the wonderful neighbors who stop by with goodies, help make curtains, bring toys and other household items, thank you for making us feel very welcome and a part of the neighborhood. Good things are happening at the home and community involvement is the key ingredient.

We are kicking off a community awareness campaign this fall, so please be on the lookout for more information about Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Cornerstone Apartments, Cornerstone Women & Children’s Home, Cornerstone Thrift Store, and Cornerstone’s own Day Care, Dear Ones. The needs of the community continue to grow and our desire is to serve our guests to the best of our ability – so thanks for partnering with us to meet their needs.

*Peace,*  
Lysa

### Cornerstone Awarded 4-star ★★★★★ Rating

Cornerstone Rescue Mission’s sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator.

Since 2002, using data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission’s coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities,” according to Ken Berger, President and CEO, Charity Navigator. “Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out



of four earns 4 stars — a rating that, now, with our new Accountability and Transparency metrics, demands even greater rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. Cornerstone’s supporters should feel much more confident that their hard- earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating.”

The 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters that we take our fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously. Thank everyone for the continued support that allows us to help the needy of the Black Hills area.

# MISSION VOICES

This month our Mission Voices section celebrates the one year anniversary of the Women & Children's Home. The staff and the guests are so thankful for this great new facility and to all the people in the community who made it possible. As we look back over the last year, some of the ladies commented on how the Women & Children's Home has helped them. *Here are a few of those...*



**"I'm so thankful that this place is here when me and my family needed a place to go. So far they have helped us with a place to go and feel safe and that we will get through this bump in the road. They help with having a place to cook, get clean every day, and basic needs like shampoo, diapers, etc. I really like how the staff makes you feel welcomed and there if you need to talk to them and help if you have questions about how to get back on your feet like housing, places for daycare, etc."**

**"I am very grateful at this time in my life to be a resident of the Women & Children's Shelter here in Rapid City. I had recently suffered some major setbacks and I am so thankful to have had this shelter to turn to. I have made some great friends here and although we all have our own difficulties we seem to come together as a group and genuinely care about each other, our successes and failures. Thank you to Cornerstone for providing us a temporary home!"**



## GOLFERS BRAVE THE HEAT FOR CORNERSTONE

On June 24th the M.G. Oil Company hosted their 7th annual "Homeless But Not Hopeless" golf tournament at Red Rocks Golf Course with the help of 100 generous sponsors. The day was HOT but it did not deter the 40 teams who played that day. In all about 170 people attended the event and the BBQ afterwards. At the end of the day a little over \$18,000 was raised for Cornerstone!

Cornerstone thanks M.G. Oil Company, the many generous sponsors, Red Rocks Golf Course, the volunteers, and the golfers who braved the heat and donated to this event! We feel so honored that M.G. Oil continues to do this fundraiser for us each year!





PRAIREY WALKLING, BRIAN FISCHER, JEN FREEMAN, TANJA CUTTING.



## A SUMMER GARDEN

Summer and gardens go hand in hand - and Cornerstone loves the fresh vegetables this time of year brings. Not only do generous gardeners bring their extra produce to us, but this year we had the added bonus of having a community garden. Prairey Walkling from SDSU Extension, Jen Freeman from AmeriCorps, Tanja Cutting from the Community Health Center, and guests from Cornerstone all pulled together to create a

garden for Cornerstone. The ladies were able to obtain a grant that helped pay for the building of the garden boxes, soil, and the seeds. They all worked together to plant the garden and two gentlemen from the mission, Brian and David, have tended to it and kept it watered. Some items have already been harvested with more to come. We thank everyone involved in this awesome project and for the fresh vegetables it brings to the kitchen at Cornerstone!

## TOWELS FOR 30 MAIN STREET

*Do you have too many towels?.....think of Cornerstone*

*Are you buying new towels?.....think of Cornerstone*

If you are like me, towels seem to multiple in my house through gifts, changing bathroom colors, towels left behind by a child, and the inability to pass up a good towel clearance sale. 30 Main Street is in desperate need of new or gently used towels so please consider taking a peek in your linen closet and perhaps donating a few. **Don't be a towel hoarder like me! Thanks!!**





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PLEASE REMEMBER CORNERSTONE WHEN YOU HAVE  
EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE THIS SUMMER. DONATIONS  
CAN BE BROUGHT TO 30 MAIN STREET AT ANY TIME.  
THANKS!



## Needs List

### MEN'S MISSION

30 Main St.

#### KITCHEN:

Fruits & Vegetables,  
coffee, sugar,  
creamer, oatmeal,  
butter, milk, eggs,  
meat, food of any  
kind

#### MISSION:

Twin-sized blankets  
and fitted sheets,  
Toothbrushes/paste,  
deodorant, razors,  
travel-size shampoo,  
backpacks

### VETERANS

30 Main St.

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

### WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

301 Fox Run Drive

Laundry & dishwasher  
soap pods  
Laundry baskets  
Dressers  
Bookshelves  
Twin-size rubber-  
backed mattress  
pads, Cleaning  
supplies  
Coffee & creamer

### 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

### CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

401 - 11th Street

Beds, household  
furniture, household  
appliances,  
kitchen items,  
home décor



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to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission?

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and say Thrivent Choice.®

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