



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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Acts of Kindness

In 1944 the allied forces liberated Bastogne, Belgium. There was a certain 10-year-old girl who lived there at the time: her name was Genevieve, and she was cold. An American GI saw her need and gave her a blanket. To him it may have been a natural reaction to seeing a need. To her it was a life defining moment. Since then Genevieve has personally knitted hats and scarves to give back to veterans in “repayment” of the blanket given to her in her time of need so many years ago.

Recently Cornerstone had the opportunity to personally receive these handmade treasures from Genevieve. She is 80, and full of life and love for others. She excitedly shared her story with me and presented 200 hats and scarves which she had knit over the last year. She feared that it was merely a trifle and that it really would not matter, but when I explained the blessing she was giving us she hugged me and said, “I can’t believe we could survive the Nazi’s but we still have people who are cold all winter.”

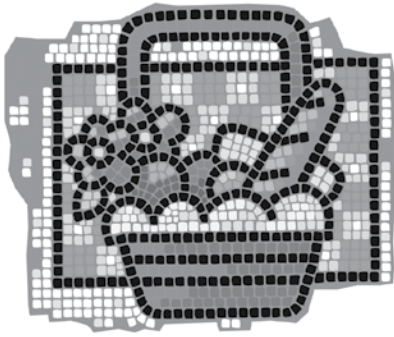
It struck me that an act of random kindness seventy years ago thousands of miles away has had the sort of lasting impact that is still benefitting people here and now. It helps us all remember that with God all things are possible. And He accomplishes all things through ordinary people—people like an American GI and a cold, 10-year-old girl in Bastogne. Many of our community members gave Christmas gifts, food, time, prayer and monetary donations this past Christmas making such special memories for those in need. Freely giving what they did, showing big hearts behind the gifts. We could not share the joy of this season without all of you!

Let me take this time to thank you for your generosity to Cornerstone Rescue Mission, and wish you a Happy and full New Year.

God Bless,

Tom Golden
Executive Director





Rescue Mission



ATTENTION CHURCHES! BIRD & BISON BANQUET BASKETS REQUESTED

In preparation for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission's main fundraising dinner, the Bird & Bison Banquet, to be held on March 7, 2015, we are asking churches to put together a basket to be sold at our silent auction.

Each church basket could contain gift certificates from your church members who represent different businesses, art that your members have created and/or services that your members would want to provide to the winning bidder. Your church can package the items in a basket in a decorative way and have your name proudly displayed.

For instance, "The ABC Church Basket" could include a gift certificate to a Bed & Breakfast, 1-hr of handyman services and an oil painting, for example—all provided by members of that church.

It would be great if the total value of items in your basket total more than \$300, but any value of basket is welcome, of course.

Please let Deb know your commitment at dberg@cornerstonemission.org or 718-8712. Baskets should be delivered to Deb at the Cornerstone Thrift Store by March 1. Thanks so much for your support of the Mission!

Needs List

MEN'S MISSION **30 Main St.**

Winter hats/gloves
Coffee
Butter
Juice
Evaporated Milk
Canned fruit
Eggs
Razors
Cough drops

VETERANS **30 Main St.**

Shoes & boots, all sizes
Back packs
Underwear and T-shirts
Winter clothing/coats

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

Kleenex & tampons
Diapers size 3
Baby lotion & baby wipes
Tomato/spaghetti sauce
Towels
Twin size comforters
Shampoo & Conditioner
Bus Passes

APARTMENTS **1220 East Blvd.**

Queen size mattress pads
Queen size beds/frames
Vacuums
Kitchen chairs/tables
Dressers
Pots and Pans

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE **2901 Wisconsin Avenue**

Size 5 & 6 diapers, baby wipes & cream
Milk and soy based infant formula & juice
Baby Food (Jarred) & nutritious kid cereals
Baby spoons & toddler silverware
Child Safety Locks
Canned fruits and veggies
Liquid hand soap & paper towels
Toy storage containers with lids (all sizes)

A Veteran's story with a happy ending

Cornerstone Rescue Mission's newest program for veterans has had a great deal of success in helping Veterans and their families. The program – Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) was recently contacted by a veteran who had moved here from Sisseton, SD in hope of finding employment and better opportunities. He was staying in a hotel with his wife and four children with the youngest child being only 2 months old. The man had heard about Cornerstone and came to see if we could be of any assistance.

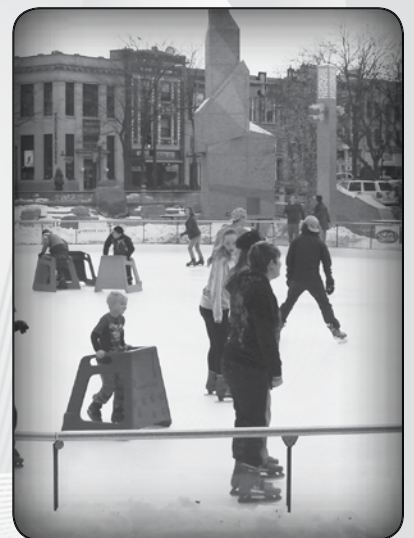


He met with an SSVF case manager and shared that he was out of money, and could not continue to keep a roof over his families head. They were on the verge of having to leave the hotel and he was hopelessly unsure of what to do next. That's when the SSVF case manager was able to set them up with funding available for just this kind of need thru a Housing (HUD VASH) program and helped them locate an apartment. The SSVF program helped with the security deposit, past utility bill and utility deposits. Immediate needs including beds were found for the entire family. The SSVF program also provided repairs on their vehicle and the case manager found child care so the veteran and his wife could look for employment. This was several months ago and both the husband and wife found employment. This story has a happy ending, they got settled in their new home and had plans for a good Christmas and a happy new year. Without Cornerstone Rescue Mission's programs many families such as this would continue without hope and a future. But God's word in Jeremiah reminds us that He has good plans for all of us, not to harm us but to give us hope and a future.



Main Street Square Food Drive

Cornerstone Rescue Mission was honored on November 22 with a Food Drive sponsored by Main Street Square. Everyone who brought food for Cornerstone was allowed a day of free skating at the ice rink. This is the first annual event called "Skates Giving". Every year free skating for food will be offered by Main Street Square on the first day the ice rink is open. The weather was beautiful and many came to enjoy a day of skating. Rush hockey players were on the ice along with Nugget who had a good time greeting everyone. Please watch for information on next year's event to be held; bring some food and enjoy a day of free skating.



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Silent Auction Items Needed:

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission will be holding its annual Bird & Bison Banquet Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, and we hope we can count on your support this year!

We are currently seeking donations of items to be auctioned off during our silent auction. Your donation will help us raise money so we can continue our success in reaching out to those in need. As part of your participation we will display your name in our Banquet Program. We anticipate over 400 attendee's!

If interested, please complete the form below and mail it to us at: P.O. Box 2188, Rapid City, SD 57709, phone 718-8712, or email information to dberg@cornerstonemission.org. We can also arrange to pick up items at your location whenever it is convenient for you. In order for us to prepare for the banquet please have your items to us no later than March 2nd.

If you have questions about the organization, donation or sponsorship, please contact Deb at (605)718-8712 or by email at the address listed above.

Thank you for supporting the Cornerstone Rescue Mission!

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email/Phone: _____

Address: _____

Silent Auction Item: _____

Value of Item: _____

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!)