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The Heartbeat of The Mission

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Come On Down!



I am pleased to report that this month our long-awaited kitchen remodel project will be done. We have seen God's hand at work throughout this process, providing for the needs of the Mission and the people we serve. Our outreach kitchen at the Parkway restaurant saw us serving more people than we ever have.

So many individuals and organizations have come forward to provide capital funds to allow us to do this extensive and needed renovation without borrowing. We are truly grateful!

We anticipate having a grand opening in March, with more details to come soon, both in the media and the next newsletter. *See more about the kitchen on page 2.*

Blessings,
Jim

Never Too Late



Lenora is a tenant at Cornerstone Apartments. She and her little toddler recently moved to Rapid City hoping for a brighter future. She felt insecure about getting her GED at her age, even though she is only 37 years old. She had chosen to put it off for a number of years due to severe test anxiety. Wanting to be a better provider, she realized that not having her GED would be an obstacle for her. In order to gain employment in today's competitive job market she realized she needed it. She worked with her case manager at the Cornerstone Apartments to add this item to her list of goals.

The first step was obtaining an ID. It took a great deal of time and leg work and she made three trips to the Department of Motor Vehicles before she had all of the documentation required to get her ID. Then she was ready for the next step.

Attending the GED orientation was painful for Lenora; she knew at the end that she would have to take a pretest. When she returned from this appointment, she seemed refreshed. She stated that she was confident she had done well and would only have to work on a few items, including math. There was just one more obstacle; if she didn't qualify for a scholarship to pay for her GED test she would have to pay for it herself. She worked with her case manager to research alternate funding in the event that a scholarship was not available to her. This was a

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huge relief, just knowing there were possibilities for her should the scholarship not come through. Now she could put her focus on preparing for the final test.

When she received her pretest scores she was beaming. She scored 100% on over half of the test, including math. She only has a few things to work on to improve her test scores before she can get her GED. She will be attending classes for the next eight weeks before taking the final test.

We are proud of Lenora. These have been huge steps for her, ones she had felt anxious about and so had never done more about them. Many times we hear it is never too late to do something or try something new, but insecurity or anxiety can keep us from following through. Lenora found the strength to move past it, just as God's word promises us in Philippians 4:6 (NIV), *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

More About Cornerstone's Kitchen Remodel

Thomas Baffuto, principal architect at **baffuto architecttura**, along with West Plains Engineering and the Cornerstone Mission Staff, designed and coordinated this important community project. baffuto architecttura's role and the primary purpose of the project were to assess the existing building conditions and systems that were sorely overused, undersized, outdated, and in disrepair. The goal was to create a new, well-designed environment on a limited budget that would meet the needs for the next 20 years of service.

Baffuto said it was his firm's pleasure to work closely with Chef Jamie Hagan to evaluate the general floor plan layout and kitchen equipment in order to improve the overall functionality of the new kitchen, serving line, dish wash area, drink station, and freezer-cooler storage areas of the facility for staff, volunteers, and guests.

Specific project improvements include: new light-colored and well-lit interior spaces with tile-covered walls and floors and washable ceiling finishes for an updated, healthy, and easily-cleanable environment. All construction is now in compliance with state, Rapid City and 2009 International Building Codes. Along with a new kitchen hood, mechanical, air, lighting and fire-sprinkler systems, the modernized kitchen equipment throughout will provide an entirely new environment to serve the homeless and needy of the community well into the future.



Kitchen Area
BEFORE



Kitchen Area
AFTER



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!

**-TICKETS-
\$5 each or
5 for \$20**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT
CORNER STONE THRIFT STORE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 718-8712**

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iPad mini**

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD:
MARCH 2ND AT
THE BIRD & BISON BANQUET
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**



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Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

Coffee, creamer, sugar
Cream soups
(cream of mushroom, celery, etc.)
Mozzarella cheese
Milk
Canned fruit or fresh fruit
Phone cards, gas cards, bus passes
Flat sheets (any size),
fitted twin sheets & pillows

VETERANS

Phone cards, gas cards, bus passes
Shoes & boots, sizes 10-13
Clothing sizes XXL and larger only

THRIFT STORE

Rubber bands
Rechargeable AA & AAA batteries
Gallon ziploc bags
Space Bags

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels
Kitchen-size garbage bags
Household cleaning supplies
Dish soap, both kinds
Coffee, creamer, & sugar

APARTMENTS

Large black trash bags
Toilet paper
Twin/queen-size mattress pads
Odoban cleaner
40 & 60 Watt light bulbs

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

Size 5 & 6 diapers & baby wipes
Milk and soy-based formula
AM/FM CD player & nap time CDs
Rechargeable batteries, all sizes
Minivan or 7-passenger van



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear Ones Child Care

Monday thru Friday

**9:00 to 11:00am and 3:00 to 5:00pm,
call Camille @718-8712**

The Voice of the Chapel

The Lord continues to bless us here at the Mission with a place of remembrance of Him and his word. When you come and join us at our chapel you will feel the presence of the Lord, for His name and His word is lifted up daily here at Cornerstone. Please come, visit, share and bless God's people with your time, prayers, and encouragement for the sake of His kingdom.

If you read Malachi chapters 3 & 4 you'll discover it mentions a "Book of Remembrance" where everything about those who fear Him is written. Just think about how He looks at it and treasures us! Malachi 3:16 (NIV) says: *"Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name."*

Let us be diligent in revering God's name and be his messengers wherever we go and with whomever we communicate with during the day!

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!)