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CELEBRATE!



I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Easter holiday celebrating family, the beginning of spring and most importantly the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! His resurrection speaks to our hearts of renewal of our mind, body and spirit, just as the earth is renewing its beauty in an abundance of color. It is a great reminder to praise him for His presence, His glory, and the beauty he manifests upon the earth. As we hear the robins tweet, and see buds poking out of the ground and on limbs, I pray that your spirit is awakened and renewed as well.

Spring is such a time of celebration and energy. We are certainly seeing a lot of energy in our various programs. Cornerstone Rescue Mission's soup kitchen is up and running and getting busier. Our groups are starting to come back but we do need a few more. If you belong to a group who wants to cook and serve a meal, please contact Deb and we would love to work with you. The men on the emergency side and transitional housing are finding work and moving out. The Women & Children's Home is busy too, and they are in the process of getting much needed new windows throughout most of the facility. Cornerstone Apartments continues to provide supportive services to homeless families with disabilities, and our veterans program continues to help homeless

veterans find employment and housing. Our Thrift Store has had a busy winter and we are gearing up for a busier spring! If you are doing some spring cleaning and need a place to take your gently used items, please think of us! The proceeds from the Thrift Store go towards the day-to-day operations of our Women & Children's Home.

Last year we held our annual banquet on March 7th. On March 11th the coronavirus was announced as a worldwide pandemic. What a year it has been. Due to the affect the COVID-19 virus is still having on the community, we have decided to cancel our annual banquet this year. We are finding that people are just not comfortable being in large gatherings and we want to ensure the health and safety of our supporters.

Cornerstone has much to celebrate and so many in the community have such concern for the care of the homeless. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the neediest in our community. Enjoy the spring weather, listen for the robins and rejoice in God's goodness!

Peace,
Lysa





Letter from a Resident of the Cornerstone Apartments

Diann of the Cornerstone Apartments, expressing her thanks to Maryann Leanna, the Program Manager, and her positive experience at the Cornerstone Apartments:

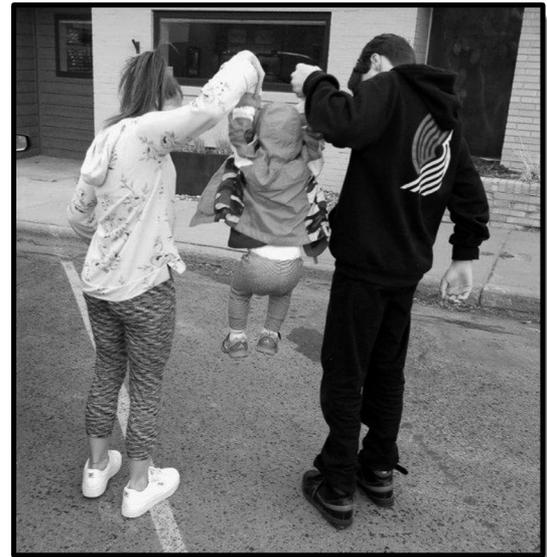
“I was so happy to find a place that could help me with all aspects of my life. Cornerstone apartments has offered me so much support. When I first moved in I openly told my new case manager that I had left a domestically violent relationship with a man that had a methamphetamine addiction. I provided his name and address and we completed a safety plan. I informed her that we had a child together and that the address I provided was a sober living house to manage his sobriety. I agreed that I would always see him in public or around someone and to always have my phone with me and on.

I understand and follow all of the rules of my housing and have plans to continue my education through their support and access to remedial services. Maryann was right by my side and helped me enter into classes.

Maryann takes her time with her residents making each one of them, including myself, feel important and heard. She helps me through my problems by asking me what I think I should do before offering advice if needed. She is always kind to my children, as she is to all the children here, making sure they are safe.

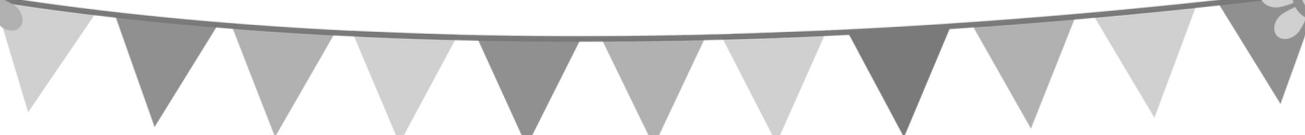
I feel safe here and so do my children. Only residents have access to entry and we have surveillance to monitor residents and guests. This makes me feel very safe and I know I can call staff on the 24 hour phone if I ever needed anything. Maryann has offered me a shoulder even outside case management meetings and I really appreciate that of her. I have stability here. I am on the list for housing and am able to continue to utilize any remedial services that Cornerstone provides when I am accepted into housing. This is a proud step for me to live independently and raise my children. My children are my passion and it gives me great joy to raise them and be their mother. Diann”

Thanks for your kind words Diann and we are proud of you for the positive steps you have taken!



Diann's three beautiful children.





Wanda Kelly - RSVP Volunteer of the Year!



RSVP Ladies Keep the News Coming

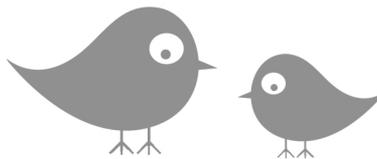
We have a dedicated group of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) ladies that make sure the Cornerstone newsletter goes out every month. Without fail they show up the last Wednesday of every month with their cheery attitudes and ready to work. They stuff our 2,700+ newsletters and just have the best time working and chatting together. They are a joy to work with and we cannot express how much we appreciate them!

One of the ladies, Wanda Kelly, was recently chosen as Volunteer of the Year by the RSVP. She has logged over 14,000 hours of service through that program and has been involved in that group for 24 years. What a contribution she has made in our community through all the places she has volunteered! Congratulations Wanda!

Thank you Ladies for all that you do for Cornerstone!



Cindy Schuman, Faith Houston, Wanda Kelly & Peggy Pientok keep the news rolling!



Making a Difference with Donations

After doing a fundraiser in the school to raise money, Lexi, Aftyn and Brook from the Sundance High School FCCLA Chapter brought bottles of laundry soap to the Women & Children's Home. What a useful item! Thanks to everyone who donated!



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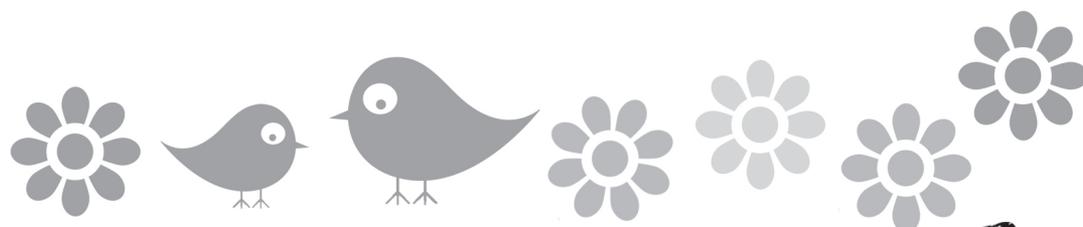
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A group from Equip Campus Ministries was a great help to the Thrift Store!



Gift
Baskets
Needed



for the Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet

Watch for the rescheduled Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet in 2022!

Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix, cream of mushroom or chicken soup, cereal, egg noodles.

MISSION: Foot powder, towels, twin-sized blankets, twin-sized sheets, reading glasses, bottled water for sack lunches, personal hygiene items for men & women, backpacks.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME - 301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal, sandwich bread, butter, sugar, laundry soap, dish soap, kleenex, clorox wipes, personal hygiene items.

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE - 401 - 11th Street

Beds, furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, home décor.

VETERANS - 30 Main St.

Shoes, boots, sugar, creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee.

APARTMENTS - 1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap, household cleaners, toilet paper, laundry soap.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Gas cards, oil changes, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, household items.

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!)