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Happy Spring!



Spring is approaching and we are seeing all kinds of activity as people want to get out and enjoy the warm weather. Buds are starting to appear on trees and flowers are starting to push through the ground. It is a beautiful time of year to see nature come out of its dormancy as God's colors are splashed all over. It's also a time of year where we have just honored Jesus Christ's resurrection. Through His sacrifice, we have eternal life and spring reminds us of the beauty and growth of the Easter season.

We have many guests at Cornerstone who are enjoying finding meaning in His resurrection. God give us beauty for ashes, and we see some spectacular transformations as our guests learn the value of prayer, forgiveness, and hope. Even physical countenances are changed - they stand taller and prouder as they become part of a Christian family and are learning to serve.

It is also a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As winter ends and spring begins, new life abounds, physically and spiritually. Regardless of what is happening in the world or around us, Jesus offers refreshment, resurrection, and hope. Spring brings life and renewal to our earth just as Easter brought life and renewal to our spirits.

New life abounds this time of year - may His love abound in your heart as well!

Lysa



Faith Houston is a long-time volunteer at Cornerstone who helps stuff our newsletter monthly. Below is an article from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP+) newsletter where they honored Faith. Congratulations Faith and Thank You for everything you do for Cornerstone!



WEST RIVER RSVP+
February 2024

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Faith Houston
has been named our

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Faith joined West River RSVP+ in 2009. During her over 14 years of service, she has provided more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service to her community.

Faith has been a part of the RSVP+ 'mailing team' since she joined in 2009. She has helped assemble newsletters, donations forms, and the Chamber Pak. Faith has assisted Meals on Wheels, United Way, Dahl Arts Center, Cornerstone Rescue Mission, BH Area Habitat for Humanity, Elevate Rapid City, the YMCA, SD National Guard, RSVP and Hospice with multiple mailing and pledge form activities.

"Faith is a wonderful volunteer. She has such an upbeat spirit and is a joy to be around. Due to her 99 years, she also has such fascinating stories and is a very interesting person to visit with. We love Faith and we thank her for all her years of helping out at Cornerstone!" - Deb Berg, Volunteer Coordinator, Cornerstone Rescue Mission

We are truly grateful for all Faith has done for her community through volunteering, and are very honored to recognize Faith as our **VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!** Thank you for all that you do!

The group from Emmanuel Episcopal Church is seen here providing their monthly meal at the Men's Mission. Thanks!



Our Friends at Black Hills Federal Credit Union once again had a blanket/sheet drive for Cornerstone. Amanda Grohs and Brandi Wells brought over 12 sheet sets, 7 pillowcase sets, 11 comforters, 33 blankets – and presented a check for \$200 to Lysa! What an amazing gift! Blankets and sheets are such useful items that are used at all of our sites. Thanks to everyone at Black Hills Federal Credit Union, and all of their customers, for once again keeping our guests warm and comfortable this winter season!

Black Hills Federal Credit Union also had an all-staff meeting where they put together personal hygiene kits for organizations in the Black Hills area. Cornerstone was blessed to receive 500 of these kits that we will hand out. What an amazing gift!



Cornerstone Rescue Mission's

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Place: Terra Sancta Retreat Center
2101 City Springs Road • Rapid City

When: May 18th • 8:30 a.m.

Come join us for a Breakfast Buffet and a celebration of all the wonderful Volunteers who support Cornerstone!

Please RSVP to Deb by May 8th at 718-8712 or dberg@cornerstonemission.org

Hope to see you there!



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Stephanie Boykin, BSN, RN once again did her annual food drive for the Women & Children's Home. She gathered a lot of useful food items that the ladies can definitely use! Thanks to Stephanie and to everyone who contributed!



Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, canned beans, salsa, BBQ sauce, salad dressing

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.

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!)