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Thank You Community Partners!

Summer is flying by and I hope that you are all enjoying the sunshine and outdoor activities with your families. Summer is flying by for us at the Mission as well and we are seeing large numbers of summer guests and people already housed in the community coming in for needed services and supplies. God is good and helps us to provide for as many of their needs as possible.

Speaking of being outdoors in the sunshine, due to great community partners we were finally able to open up our playground at the Women & Children's Home. We had our dedication on June 22nd and invited the community partners who helped us make it happen. See pictures from the event on the next page. Special shout-out to RCS Construction, Inc. - Bob Scull and Grant Herbener really helped make our dream become a reality and got the project going. Our friends at Westhills Village hosted a fundraiser for us, and Dr. Bill Howard was instrumental in recruiting donors and helping us get the word out. Donovan Broberg, with ARC International, donated his time for the design of the playground and there were so many others who donated. The genesis of the project was the fine technical site work researched by the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Honors Program. We originally

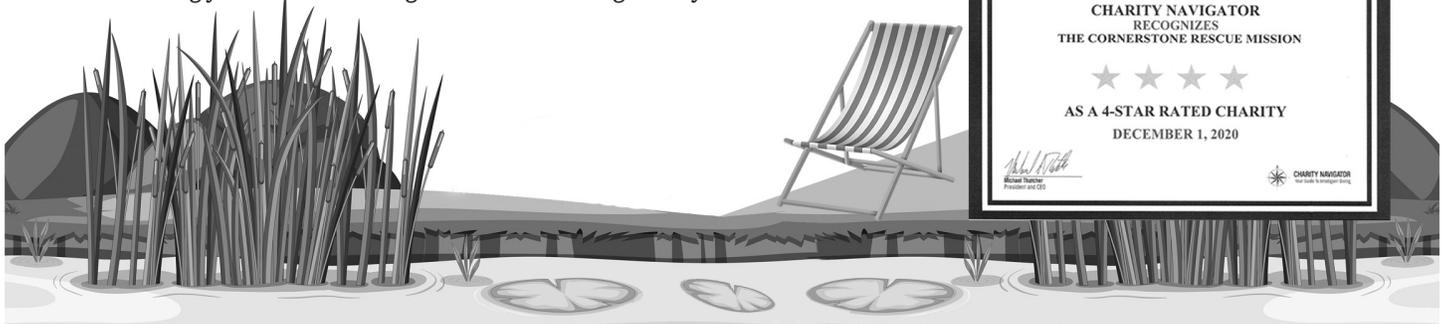
had a very small playground in a small space between the two buildings that only housed toddler playground equipment. Now we have a playground for all ages and places for moms to sit and be engaged with their children. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project and donated to it. The kids are grateful and can be kids in a safe place.

Black Hills Community Bank sponsored their annual diaper drive -- look for that story and pictures in next month's newsletter. We are so thankful for their dedication to the children of Cornerstone!

I just want to remind people that the proceeds from our Thrift Store go to the Women and Children's Home so we can provide a safe environment, advocacy services, and food and shelter for homeless women and children. If you are in the mood to declutter, downsize or purge, please think about dropping off gently used items at Cornerstone Thrift Store, located at 401 11th Street.

Thanks for all you do for the homeless in our community. Stay safe during the Rally!

Peace, Lysa





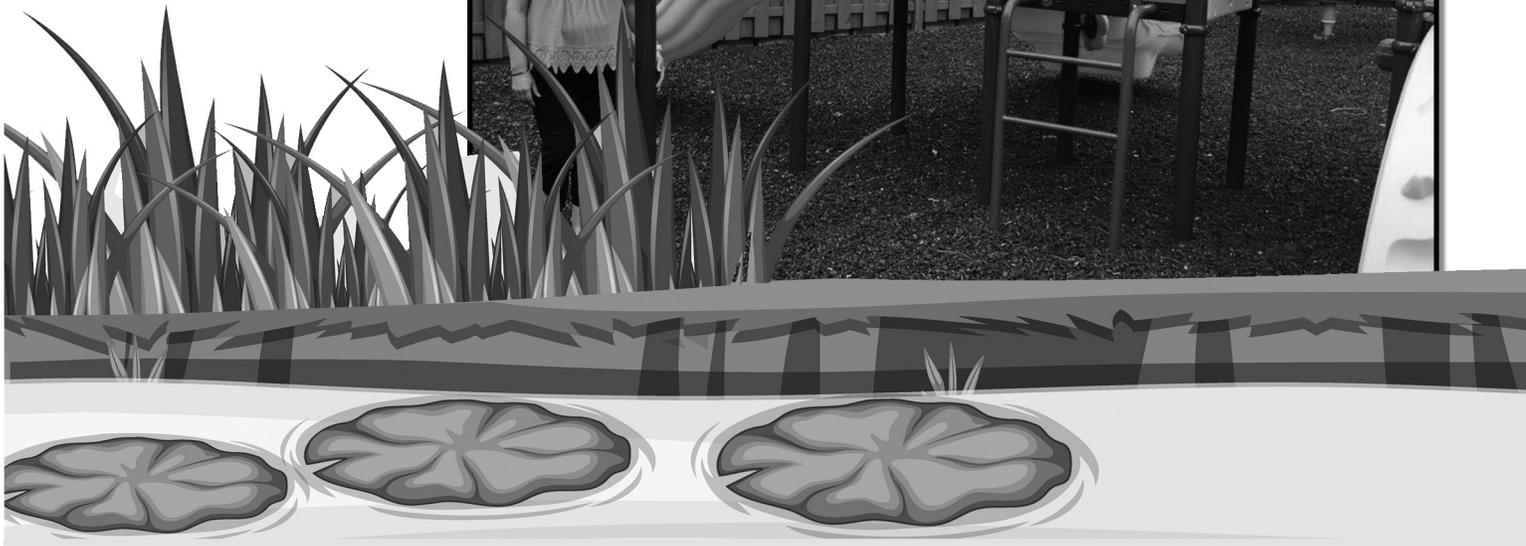
Great friends of the Women & Children's Home - Dr. William Howard, Mary Bartsch, Judy Duhamel, Arlene Ham-Burr and Roy Burr posed with Amanda Pioche (WCH Program Manager).



Grant Herbener talks with the press about the new playground.



Amanda Pioche, Women & Children's Program Manager, sends her Thanks to everyone who made this dream come true!



Travis: Builds A Future

“We received a call from a veteran (Travis) who was facing an eviction. He was several months behind on his rent and did not have the income to get caught up. With the support of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant, Travis was able to get caught up on his rent. He is now in the process of building his own business. Over the course of six months of case management, Travis was able to get caught up on his bills, continue to build his business and increase his income both through his business and an increase in his VA disability. Travis has been able to overcome addiction issues and feels like he has completely turned his life around. He is very grateful to be able to remain in his apartment and not have to move, and not to have become homeless at his lowest point.”

As shared by a Supportive Services for Veteran Families case manager (with permission from Travis)



The South Canyon Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School children made “Birthday Bags” for the Women & Children’s Home. Each bag contains a cake mix, tub of frosting, candles, and balloons so the mothers at the home can make a birthday cake for their child. It’s a special way for a mother to bond with her child in a personal way, even though they are living in a group home. The VBS kids also raised \$120 for our women and kids. Thanks to all the children and teachers at South Canyon Lutheran for these special gifts!



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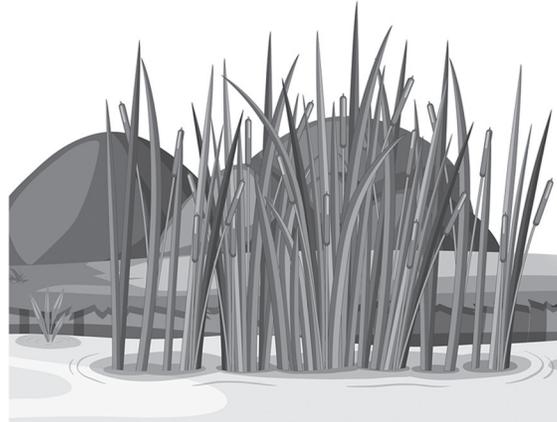
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A wonderful group on a mission trip through YouthWorks were a great help to the Thrift Store!



Terry and Robin from Deadwood gave us two boxes of scarves and hats they knitted and crocheted. These ladies work all year long creating cold weather items and donate them to many organizations. As we know, winter is just around the corner! Thanks ladies for keeping our guests warm!



Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, elbow mac., milk, coffee, 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.

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!)