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Thankful For All



On May 20th, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the beautiful Terra Sancta. “We would be in a jam without our Volunteers” was our theme this year; and literally, Cornerstone Rescue Mission and all of its entities really depend on volunteers to be able to run our ministry. Approximately 600 people volunteer at Cornerstone - some are continuous volunteers, some only come once and serve a meal. It all counts as service to God, and service to our ministry and the homeless in our community. Without dedicated helpers, we could not do what we do. A special thank you goes out to our speaker, Francis Kaufman. Francis was a guest at Cornerstone Rescue Mission and went through our program, utilized our veteran’s housing grant, and is now on our Board of Directors. He has a wonderful story of recovery, family and the desire to serve others..... very inspiring on many levels! It is always such a fun event to see volunteers and visit about what they do. Terra Sancta always has a wonderful breakfast for us and

it’s a great way to honor God and start the day. Last year volunteers contributed 9,952 hours - that is almost five full-time staff! No wonder we can’t do it without you! Our volunteer opportunities are abundant and you can go to the volunteer section on our website, www.cornerstonemission.org, and see the volunteer opportunities - Or, you can call Deb Berg, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 718-8712 - to find out more information. Our biggest need at this time is having groups do a meal at either the Men’s Mission or the Women & Children’s Home. Thanks again to all our volunteers and to everyone who supports Cornerstone! Wishing you all a wonderful 4th of July and a special THANK YOU to all our Armed Services Veterans and Active Duty personnel, who daily fight for our freedom!

Peace,

Lysa



**Photos from event on back page*



Guest Spotlight

David Oromo has been a guest in the Cornerstone Transition Program for several months. He has a great attitude and is always willing to help staff with projects around the unit. In March, David helped Facilities Manager Jimmy Jones with loading and unloading donations from Oyate Heath. David is always doing his chores and going above and beyond in helping to keep the unit clean. He has been attending GED classes and was recently granted his citizenship! David has worked extremely hard. We are so proud of him and excited to see good things happening for him!



Charles Kruse used his \$250 in Thrivent Action Team dollars to buy new underwear for the men staying at the Men's Mission. Thanks Charles for this generous and useful gift!

Chris Cronin, Brian Bowers, Nick Cronin, Trevor Holmquist, Ben Bowers & Arden Jensen from Boy Scout Troop 320 used the extra donations from their popcorn fundraiser to purchase items for the Men's Mission. Thanks to these young men for thinking of our guests and thanks to everyone that donated!





Celebrating Employees: Teena Conrad

How long have you been a member of the Cornerstone team? I started working at Cornerstone in December of 2012 - hard to believe it has been over 10 years.

What does your job entail? My job is a variety of things. I oversee our statewide SSVF Program (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families). My days are all different. Some days it is crunching numbers, others it is brain-storming with case managers on how to work with challenging Veterans. There is not one day that is the same. Each one of the Veterans are unique in their wants and needs. I also spend time making sure we are keeping all the I's dotted and T's crossed to meet the guidelines of the grant.

What is most rewarding about your job/what do you like the most about your work? The best part of my job is when we can see a Veteran's face and their excitement when they move into an apartment that is their new home.

What are the toughest challenges of your job?

The toughest thing about this job is working with Veterans who are so beaten down and have in some ways given up. They have burned bridges in all directions with family, friends and housing, letting mental illness and addictions control them. Working with these Veterans to reach out for help and accept the services that are there for them, is sometime very hard for the Veteran. We all work hard at lifting these Veterans up and letting them know they are cared about, and walking beside them to a better place.

What is your favorite hobby/hobbies? One of my favorite things is my standing Friday night dinner date with my folks. I also enjoy my home and flower gardens. I spend the summer months playing in the dirt and watching the smallest bud turn into a beautiful flower.

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? I record and watch General Hospital daily, then discuss the plots and projections with my mother. You never know what Sonny might be up to!!!

What is your favorite food? Medium rare ribeye steak.



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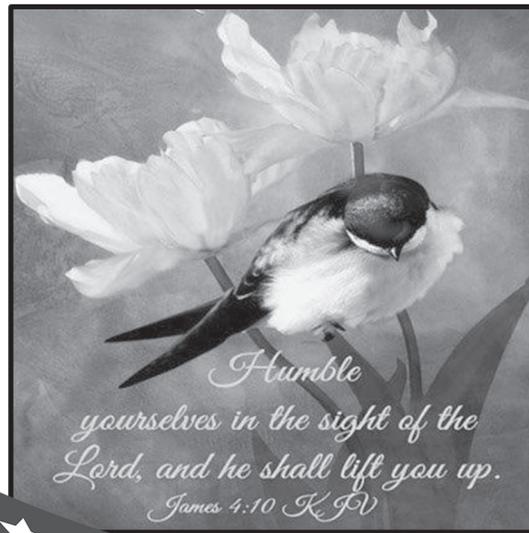


We are honored to celebrate all our volunteers every year.
We appreciate all they do for us!

Cornerstone Rescue Mission's
*Volunteer Appreciation
Breakfast*



Francis Kaufman



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!)