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Thawing Hearts

We have had a busy winter at Cornerstone Rescue Mission - we are full and often have 50+ people sleeping on the floor. As I write this, the sun is shining, and the above average seasonal temperatures are welcomed. It has been a relatively mild winter with a few bitter cold spells and there will most likely be many more cold days ahead. The power of the sun has the ability to lift spirits, thaw the coldest ice and spread warmth.

The power of the Son of God does the same, and so much more. The vast majority of the people who stay at the Mission are in need of safety, shelter, food, warmth and TLC. Just knowing that someone cares enough to help them can start the process of unthawing a cold heart full of grief, pain, shame, unforgiveness, and fear and give them peace and hope. As we care for the neediest in our community and show

God's love, compassion and grace, we can help those frozen hearts start to thaw.

Thank you for helping bring the Son of God into their lives. Your partnership with Cornerstone reveals your concern and care for those many have forgotten. The Son of God and the sunshine are bringing much needed warmth!

The needs continue to rise - thank you for your generosity and your prayers!

Peace, Lysa





Cregan Helps Out

Cornerstone is all about helping people and giving people second chances. Sometimes that results in a guest eventually becoming an employee. Such is the case with Cregan Jackson.

Cregan was born in Iowa City but grew up in Arkansas. There he developed a meth problem and things spiraled from there. After deciding “no parent should bury a child”, Cregan literally threw a dart at a map and it landed close to Rapid City. Things went well for a while in Rapid City and he even had a daughter who he adores. Unfortunately, this bright period did not last when a difficult divorce led him to drinking and drugs again. Cregan ended up at the men’s mission time after time until he decided “enough was enough” and he quit drugs and alcohol.

After a lengthy period of sobriety, Cregan landed a job with Cornerstone. He fills the part-time float position at the men’s mission and does pretty much whatever is asked of him. He mainly works in the kitchen putting away donations and will work at the front desk occasionally. His goal is to also get another part-time job in order to get his own place and be able to see his daughter more often. His supervisors comment that Cregan is “hard working, respectful, helpful and trustworthy”.

When asked what he likes about Cornerstone, Cregan said that he “appreciates the stable environment” and that Cornerstone “helped me get back on my feet”. He said “I like helping people. I have lived on the streets and I can relate to our guests”.

We congratulate Cregan on his success in overcoming obstacles and for his newfound employment with Cornerstone!



Donation from the Heart of the Hills

This great group from Hill City gathers and fills like-new purses every year for the ladies at the Women & Children’s Home as a special Christmas gift. The ladies that stay with us always look forward to this special treat. A large number of people from Hill City come together yearly for this project and we appreciate all of them!



☘ Totes Full of Love

Fay Swenson (Avon Representative) and her wonderful group of supporters once again provided a stuffed animal, blanket, and Avon products in a homemade tote for each of the children of Cornerstone for Christmas. We thank Fay and her group of friends for once again blessing the children that stay with us!



☘ Students Give Back

Thomas Solano, Victoria Verhey, Noah Schaeftbauer and James Johnston (Principal) from St. Thomas More High School dropped off a generous check for the Women & Children's Home. In the Interact Club they had studied the horrible impacts of human trafficking. The class decided to do something to bring awareness to this problem. With permission from faculty, the students were allowed to pay a fee and be allowed to wear jeans instead of their uniforms on a certain day of the week for a period of time. The students then chose the Women & Children's Home to be the recipient of these funds. What a caring group of students!



☘ DAV Donation

Ed Simpson, Cora & Dick Turnwall, & Dennis Cutschall from the Disabled American Veterans Northern Hills Chapter 11 dropped off a generous check to Teena Conrad, SSVF Program Manager. Many Thanks!



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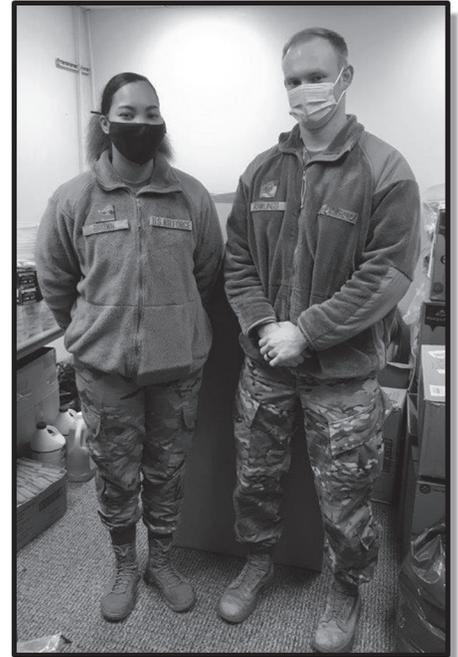
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Phillip Hauck headed up a SDSMT donation drive. Thanks to all the students!



Brittini Brown & William Rawlings dropped off clothing items & other useful things that Brittini had collected through EAFB. Many Thanks!



The Monument Health Clinical Research Department dropped off bags of fun items to the Women & Children's Home. They brought gift bags for the kids and makeup bags for the ladies. How fun!

Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, eggs, 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.

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!)