



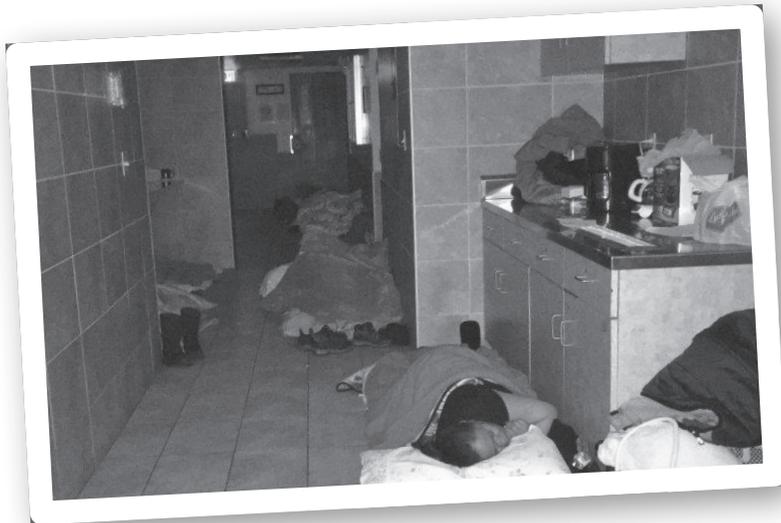
The Heartbeat of The Mission

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THAWING HEARTS

We have had a busy winter at Cornerstone Rescue Mission – we are full and often have 60 people sleeping on the floor. As I write this, the sun is shining, the snow is thawing and the above average seasonal temperatures are welcomed. It has been a cold, bitter winter, and there will most likely be many more bitter 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

Cornerstone Mission

~ A Weigh Station ~

I was alone, tired, exhausted, lost, emotion
Physically, spiritually, scared of what next!
Every aspects of my life in utter turmoil...
Chaos was my best day. I had no balance
not even closed to be centered everything out of
focus.

I came upon the Cornerstone a light in my
dreams, of darkness...

Now I am, Well balanced, spiritually, mentally
physically, centered. Focused on life ahead of me
I owe the Cornerstone immense gratitude

How do you say Thank you.. for an open door
that welcomed me with open arms.

Cornerstone, Thank you! for hot food, Rhona
Greg, Wayne, Kitchen Staff, 5 Star Dining
Thank you. for Warm Bed, Chris in Laundry, Fell
in the Down Thank you. For Caseworkers to help
guide my Direction, Stephen, Joe, Andrea, Eric
Thank you for Supervisors, Ben, Tony, Lon, Brian, Joe
Mike, Woods, Thank you. GOD!!! for bringing me.
So much you gave me a Weigh Station
to come upon when I needed it.

Thank you!
Vanni

VINNI GETS A NEW START

When I think of Vinni, I think of the word “Gratitude.” A few days before he left Cornerstone he wrote the beautiful piece he called “A Weigh Station.” He wrote it on a large piece of paper as a thank you to everyone that had helped him. It is visually beautiful, and the words even more beautiful.



Vinni is from the Rosebud Reservation. He suffers from many medical problems including osteomyelitis and needs some joint replacement surgeries. He lived with family, friends, and in motels for six years before he ended up at Cornerstone. After working with Stephanie, a Cornerstone case manager, Vinni has recently moved into his own apartment. Cornerstone helped him with the deposit and with items for his new apartment. Steph says “Vinni was very uplifting to the other guests and always had kind words for them and for the staff.”

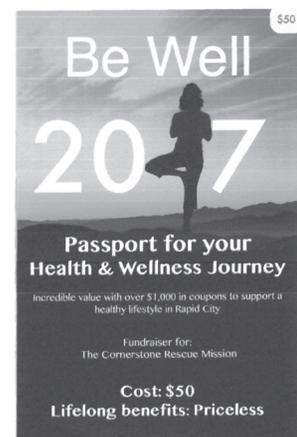
Vinni was very excited about his move to independence and said “Cornerstone has effectively enabled me to stand on my own. And Cornerstone has affected every aspect of my life, spirit, mind, and body. I have been rebuilt through their guidance and love. For that I am eternally grateful.”

WOW – Powerful words of gratitude from Vinni. He reminds us of the important work that Cornerstone does daily - the work that we do with your help!

BE WELL PASSPORT

With the start of the New Year we are always reminded that we should take better care of ourselves. Jillian Anawaty, of Vibrant Life Yoga & Pilates, had the ideal of promoting this concept and combining it with taking care of the homeless. She came up with the innovative ideal of selling a coupon book called the 2017 Be Well Passport which was full of over \$1,000 in coupons to yoga studios, gyms, massage, personal training, life and wellness coaching, healing services, food, and leisure. The books were sold around town for \$50 as a fundraiser benefitting Cornerstone. Many of these books were sold and she is hoping to do it again next winter. Jillian is such an energetic and positive person, and was a delight to work with!

We want to thank Jillian for all the hard work she did to bring this project to life and we also want to thank the 40+ local businesses that came together and offered coupons deals. It was a great example of our local businesses pulling together to care for the guests of Cornerstone!



Facebook: @BeWellRapidCity

EVERYTHING IN A BACKPACK

Can you imagine fitting all your earthly possessions into a backpack? What would you keep and what would you leave behind? I can't imagine leaving family heirlooms behind, things that loved ones (maybe deceased) gave you, things close to your heart. This is the reality for most of our guests. Some come with only trash bags holding their belongings. It breaks our hearts.

We are asking the public for large, sturdy backpacks so our guests have something decent to put their belongings in - something that can be carried ergonomically on their backs. A good backpack is a highly prized possession for a homeless person. **We hope you will consider donating one today!**



STATS thru February 1, 2017

	January	YTD
LODGING (all facilities)	5,001	5,001
MEALS (all facilities)	15,973	15,973

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Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

30 Main St.

KITCHEN:

Fruits and vegetables
Eggs, Milk
Coffee, Sugar
Breakfast meats
Cream of Mushroom or
Chicken soup

MISSION:

Towels, Blankets
Twin-sized sheets
Cold weather outerwear
Vacuum cleaner

VETERANS

30 Main St.

Shaving cream &
razors, shoes & boots,
backpacks,
underwear &
T-shirts, coffee

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, Eggs
Milk, Cereal
Sandwich bread
Butter
Laundry/dish soap

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap
household cleaners
ADOPT A FAMILY: Gas
cards, oil changes,
laundry & dish soap,
toilet paper, household
things

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

2901 Wisconsin Avenue

Baby wipes & pull-ups
Food processor
Canned or fresh fruits &
vegetables
Infant swing
Infant bouncer
Hand or electric air
pump
Small microwave

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

401 - 11th Street

Beds, household
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