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It Takes A Community



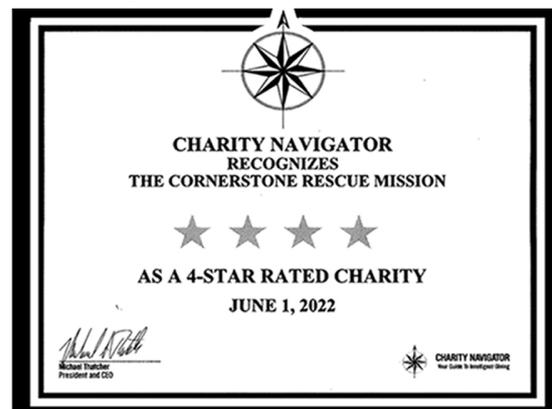
Winter is a beautiful season and when the snow falls and blankets our town it can give a soft and cozy feeling to those of us who are wrapped up in warmth inside our homes. For the homeless individuals who choose not to stay at the Mission, the snow and its frigid temperatures, are life threatening. Many of them are in the throes of addiction and/or suffering with mental health issues and choose to live other places besides the Mission, sometimes even outside.

The Mission has three requirements for staying with us: need, sobriety and good behavior. The Mission's top priority is the safety of guests and staff. If a guest does engage in unacceptable behavior (physical threats to guests/staff, violence, possession of weapons, or physical damage to the facility) we can put them on our "no services" list and temporarily ban them from the Mission. That said, if someone came to the Mission on a freezing night, and was sober, we would somehow find a place for the person (even if on "no services" list) while being mindful of the other guests' safety. And if the individual

is intoxicated when they arrive, we work with law enforcement to get them to Care Campus for their Safe beds and detox facility. We do everything we can to help those in need on a frigid night. If you see someone in the community you feel is in need of assistance, please call law enforcement.

Homeless is not a Cornerstone issue - it's a community issue - and it takes a Community to help those in need! Thanks for your compassion to help the homeless in our community.

Peace, Lysa



"Overcoming Adversity: A Journey to Sobriety and Hope"

In the past year and two months, my wife and I have embarked on a remarkable journey of sobriety. Our three children are back in our custody, after a year in the care of CPS. Having completed treatment classes, we faced a challenging period while living in a motel. However, four months ago, our lives took a positive turn when we discovered Cornerstone Apartments. This haven of support provided us with not just shelter but also assistance with essentials like furniture, clothes, and food.

Our gratitude extends even further, as Cornerstone Apartments went above and beyond during the festive season, showering our three children with Christmas presents. The impact of their generosity on our family's well-being is immeasurable.

As I continue my own treatment journey, I've found purpose and fulfillment by joining the team at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Working there allows me to pay forward the support we received while helping others facing similar struggles.

Reflecting on our past, it's clear that without Cornerstone Apartments, our trajectory might have been drastically different. Today, we are not just survivors; we are thriving. I want to share our story to encourage anyone facing adversity to persevere. Life can indeed get better with hard work and determination. Don't give up—there is hope for a brighter future.

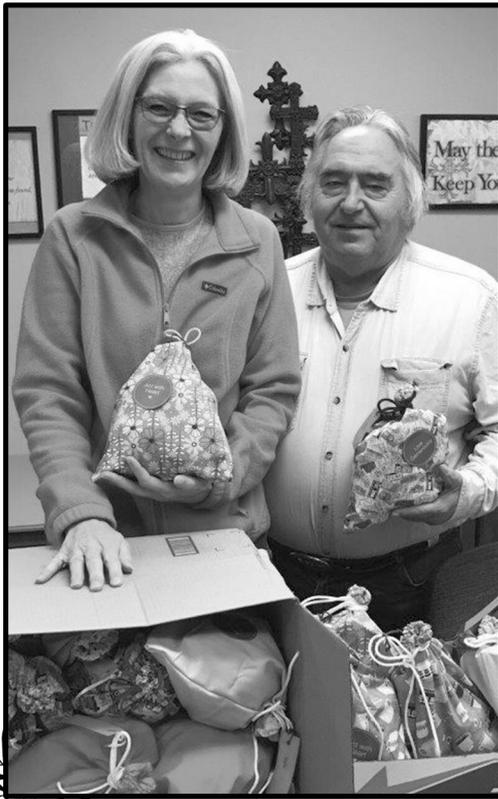
By Jeffrey Riffey

Thanks Jeffrey for sharing your inspiring story.
We applaud your success!



Maryann Leanna, Program Manager of the Cornerstone Apartments, completed a year-long Emerging Leader class, with the topic of Public Transportation, through the John T. Vucurevich Foundation. The class gave a very insightful presentation at their graduation ceremony. Congratulations Maryann on completing this class and giving your valuable perspective on this important topic!



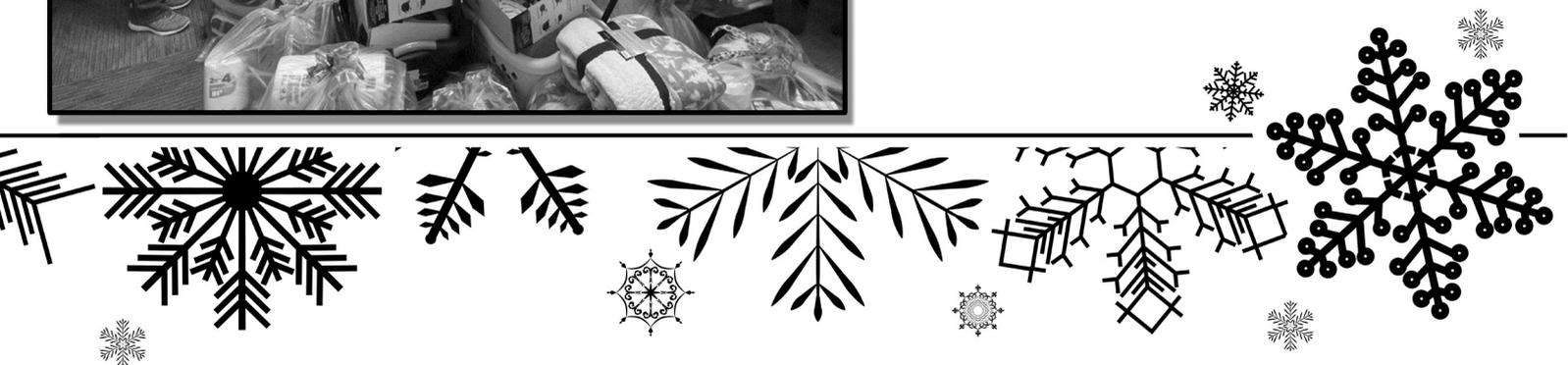


Cindy and Augie Heyne used their Thrivent Action Grant money to make bags filled with personal hygiene items - bags for men and women. The guests that received these loved them! Thanks again Cindy and Augie for choosing to bless Cornerstone!

Rapid City Christian School did a food drive for Cornerstone and they really delivered! Jacque Ricke, Lucy O'Halloran, James Ricke, and Joe Freeouf dropped off the many items. What a generous gift and we thank everyone who donated!



The VFW Post 5860 and the American Legion Post 164 dropped off move-in baskets for the Veterans staying at Cornerstone. When a Veteran moves into a place of his/her own, they receive one of these baskets full of household items to help them get started in creating a new home. They also donated \$100 for the Veterans at Cornerstone to have a pizza party during Super Bowl Sunday. How fun! Thanks to everyone in these two organizations!



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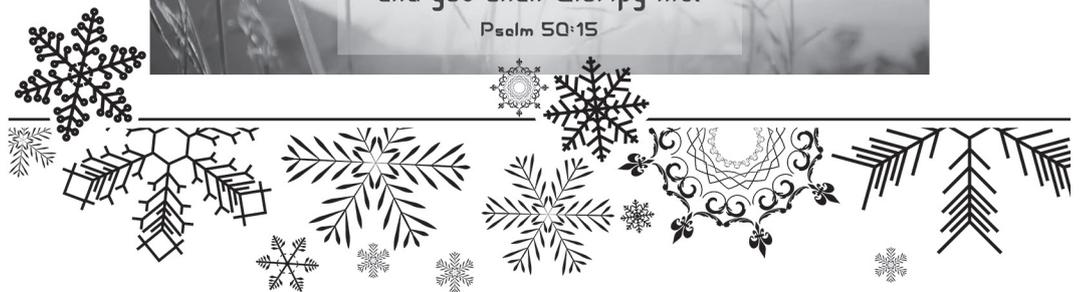
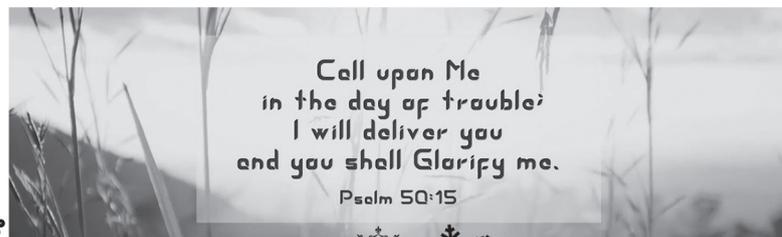
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Our Friends at Black Hills Federal Credit Union helped serve a noon meal at the Men's Mission. They also helped with organizing food in our pantry and doing dishes. This group is always willing to lend a helping hand! Pictured (not in any order) are: Brandi Wells, Samantha Savageau, Mandi Johnson, Wade Speer, Shania Greenwood and Amanda Grohs. Thanks Friends!



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!)