



Rescue Mission

The Heartbeat of The Mission



Unity



The new year has started off with a blast - really - a blast of colder than normal temperatures across the nation. While our community didn't get hit with the coldest of the cold, it certainly felt the bitter effects across western South Dakota. Something happens when the weather gets bad - whether it's frigid cold, tornados, flood, etc., these types of disasters are tough to go through, but throughout, the unity of the community and the neighborly spirit come out in full force.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has lots of great neighbors. We have the folks that live at our mission that take these times to really step up and assist others by giving away cold weather gear to those that must brave the elements to go outside for appointments. The guests step up to care for those who have health and other physical struggles. They step up to help staff who are overburdened and overworked to make their load a bit easier. The worse the weather, the more engaged and neighborly our guests become. It's wonderful to see that community spirit become even stronger as they work in unity.

Our donors show a strong sense of unity too. When we put out a cry for more blankets, towels, coffee, etc., they respond! Their kind-hearted, neighborly spirit of wanting to give what they have to those less fortunate is always so needed and appreciated by our guests and our staff. As the only homeless shelter in west river, we

meet so many needs due to the dedication of our donors and literally save lives. Thank you so much for your spirit of unity, compassion and concern, not only for our community, but for the individuals who need your help the most.

We want to give a big shout out to Ron Johnsen for all the work he did to arrange our annual fundraiser, "Night of Hope." The focus on this event is raising awareness of services we provide for homeless women and children and veterans in our community. The event allowed us to share our story and provided Mayor Jason Salamun the opportunity to recognize the valuable services we provide in the community. Thank you to Property Meld who allowed us to hold our event in their very unique and cool facility - and to Winston Pinto, an associate of Property Meld, and one of our board members, who made all the arrangements. The Box provided great food for the event. Please see photos inside!

God Bless You, Lysa



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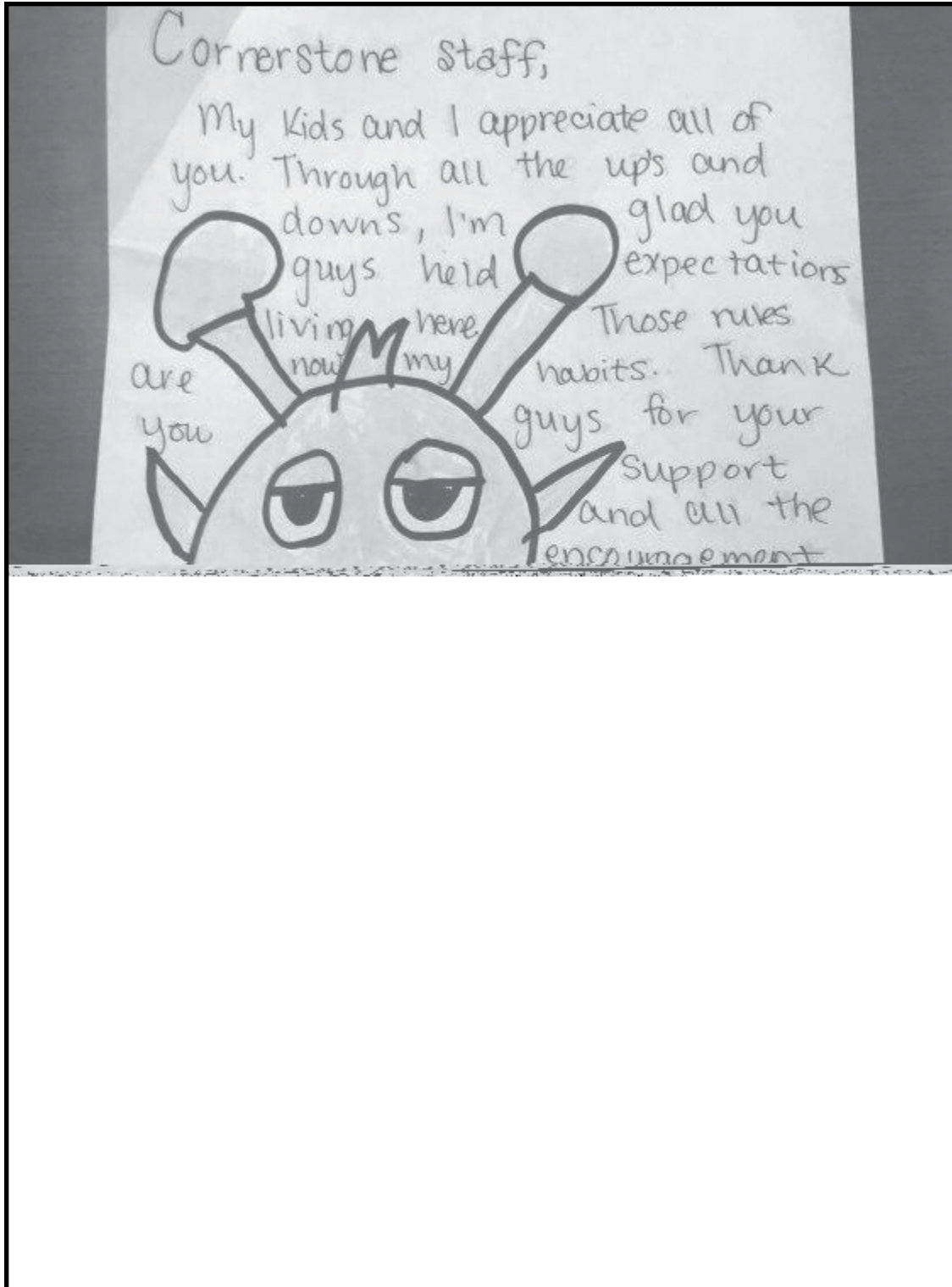
Sharing information at Night of Hope



The Rapid City Regional Airport presented a \$3,000 donation to Cornerstone as part of its “Empty Pockets – Full Plates” program. The initiative invites travelers to donate spare change at the TSA checkpoint. As passengers empty their pockets during security screening, many choose to contribute their loose coins to support the program. Since its inception in 2017, Rapid City Regional Airport has donated over \$20,000, and many hours of service, to support Cornerstone in addressing food insecurity and homelessness. Thanks to everyone who helps with this program!

A group of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) from Monument Health held a coat, hat and gloves drive for the Women & Children’s Home. We always appreciate warm weather gear at this time of year. Thanks to this group for their kindness!





A guest at the Women & Children's Home taped this to the wall of her bedroom before she left to go to her independent apartment. I love how she says "When I'm successful you'll hear your name as I tell my story." We pray that this little family will be successful and we cheer them on!



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The St. Thomas More Destination Imagination Service Learning team raised money and purchased needed items for the Women & Children's Home. They also prepared and served a homecooked meal for the ladies and children. Thanks to this group for their generosity and kind hearts!

Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Sugar, spices, cereal, 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!)