



The Heartbeat of The Mission

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has much to be thankful for – the wonderful guests we have the opportunity to serve, great volunteers who assist our staff in many ways and a generous community that supports us in donations, time and financially. We are truly grateful for all that you do.

The month of November comes with two very important days: Veterans Day which gives us an opportunity to say thank you to all of the veterans who have sacrificed by serving our country and allowing us to live in safety and freedom. We salute you!

November also brings us Thanksgiving Day – a time to look back at the past year and celebrate all of the blessings that we have and to spend time with loved ones. Cornerstone Rescue Mission will be celebrating by serving our Thanksgiving Day meal to anyone in the community. The staff at Cornerstone wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday!

Peace,

Lysa

TURKEYS TURKEYS TURKEYS

Cornerstone needs a flock of turkeys - the frozen kind. It takes many turkeys to feed the approximate 250 plus guests that we have at 30 Main Street for the Thanksgiving meal. Many of the needy in the community also join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and good food. Turkeys can be dropped off at 30 Main Street at any time. Thanks for helping us feed the hungry this holiday season!



2nd Annual Main Street Square Skates-Giving

On Saturday, November 21st from 10:00am to 10:00pm Main Street Square will host a food drive for Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

During the Ice Rink Opening Day, you can support the Main Street Square Skates-Giving Food Drive and help stock the Cornerstone Rescue Mission pantry for the holidays. Each skater will receive a \$1.00 discount on skate rentals (offer valid 11/21/15 only) by donating at least one non-perishable food item. Please no glass containers or expired products.

This is the second year for this event, and the photographs show how much fun everyone had at last year's event. Please come skating for Cornerstone, bring your canned goods for a discount and enjoy the fun!



FOR-WORD MOTION

If you're game, please read Luke 19:1-10. In the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, we find a person eager to drop the "old bad habits" and embrace a new set; from a thief to a giver. Knowing this, Jesus encourages Zacchaeus to make haste and climb down from the tree and embrace a new life (salvation).

You and I often overcomplicate things in our own saved lives. Often when our "old bad habits" are brought to the light, we either pretend not to notice or simply justify the activity. When we do this, we are missing out on the joy of our salvation.

Like Zacchaeus, we are able to hear the voice of Christ and given a choice to either follow Jesus or reject Him. If you thumb back a page or two in your Bible (Luke 18:18-30), you'll see the story of the rich man that rejected the direction of Christ. Because of his decision, he walked away sad and without salvation; his "old bad habits" were seemingly too valuable to him. Both stories reveal that God loves both men. Zacchaeus however, was willing to drop the old and embrace the new.

My prayer for you and me, is that we embrace this simple call of Christ and leave behind the things we already know do not work. May God bless you, as you love the LORD and love God's people.

Blessings,

Josh Bond

Association of Gospel Rescue Missions



The Cornerstone Rescue Mission hosted the annual Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) North Central District Conference September 23, 24 and 25th. Since the late 1800s, rescue missions have been offering radical hospitality in Jesus' name to people who are dealing with hunger, homelessness, abuse, and addiction.

The Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) serves as the network with about 300 agencies in membership. While rescue missions in membership with AGRM incorporate the core tenets of Christianity in all aspects of their work, they are open to people of every faith or no faith. The end goal is for individuals and families to have their lives and relationships restored, and to be reengaged in meaningful ways with society. (AGRM website: agrm.org)

Mayor Steve Allender was a speaker at the conference addressing caring for the walking homeless. He spoke of a touching story about being with his daughter (7 years old at the time) who questioned why everyone was swerving and slowing down on the road ahead of their car. As they approached the scene on St. Joseph Street they saw someone laying just off the sidewalk with their legs out in the street. She exclaimed "Oh it's a person". He immediately pulled over to discover it was an elderly man who had fallen off the edge of the sidewalk when he lost his balance. He helped him up, gave him his walker and he was able to walk away.

The Mayor also shared about his "Project Safe Path" which he initiated early in his R.C. Police Department career clearing out the brush and places near the bike path downtown that crimes against the homeless were committed by other homeless individuals. After the project was completed the crimes declined by 100 percent. He also talked about his goals of bringing more affordable housing to our community, and bridging the gap between agencies who serve the poor and needy by creating more collaboration in services.

Participants of the conference also took part in a prayer and worship service at Mt. Rushmore. One rescue mission attendee said "It is a great time of networking with other homeless missions in our region. Many new ideas and sharing of our successes help each of us learn how to better equip ourselves in our day to day ministries."

Mayor Allender said it best with one of his closing remarks about the power in the churches and in the people of God. He challenged us to pray every day for just one homeless person and see what God will do.



We were recently contacted by Rapid City Regional Hospital and they told us that we were the recipient of their August Jeans Day check. This is money that is donated by the staff at Rapid City Regional and their affiliates for the privilege of wearing jeans to work on Fridays. Thanks to the administration and staff of Rapid City Regional for this wonderful surprise!



Lysa Allison, Executive Director receiving check from Mick Gibbs, President of Rapid City Regional Hospital.

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Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

30 Main St.

KITCHEN:

Eggs, Lunch Meat, Sliced Cheese,
Egg noodles, Canned fruit
Milk - fresh or dry milk, Creamer

MISSION:

Toothpaste & deodorant
Razors, Shampoo (travel size)
T-shirts, underwear, and socks

VETERANS

30 Main St.

Shaving cream & razors
Shoes & boots, all sizes
Back packs, Underwear and T-shirts

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

Kleenex & tampons
Diapers size 3, Baby lotion & wipes

**Food, canned, fresh, all kinds
(Critical Shortage)**

Tomato/spaghetti sauce
Twin size comforters
Towels, Laundry baskets

5 drawer chest of drawers
Bus Passes

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Queen size mattress pads
Queen size beds/frames
Vacuums, Kitchen chairs/tables

DEAR ONES CHILD CARE

2901 Wisconsin Avenue

Drying rack/line for art projects
Children's cd's/dvd's
Children movement videos/cd's
Over the door shoe rack
Gallon and quart size
zip lock baggies
Under bed storage containers
Canned fruits and veggies
Snacks, Bottled water

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

401 - 11th Street

Household Furniture and
Appliances
Rubber Bands, Beds

Needs for Women and Children's Home

On August 22nd the Construction Industry Center sponsored a golf tournament at the Elks Golf Course and donated part of the proceeds to Cornerstone. This money was added to the Women & Children's Home Mattress Fund and helped us get a bit closer to our goal of buying all new mattresses for the Women & Children's Home. Thanks to the Construction Industry Center and everyone that participated in the golf tournament!



Melissa Austin, CIC Board President, Deb Berg,
Cornerstone & Chrissy Easton, CIC Representative.

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!)