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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November is one of my favorite months of the year. Certainly not because of the weather but because of two important holidays. The first being Veteran's Day - a day to honor my father - a career Army man - plus all the other veterans who have fought, been injured or died so we can all live with the unlimited freedoms we have. Their bravery and sacrifices, as well as those of their families, demonstrate the true meaning of duty and love of country.

The second holiday I love is Thanksgiving. To me it stands for what being a Christian is all about: caring, service to others, giving, being surrounded by loved ones, inviting the lonely to eat with us, putting aside grievances with family members, and being grateful for what we have. Jesus died on the cross so that we could have a relationship with God, who supplies all of our needs in his own particular way. Christmas and Easter are just as important, but I think Thanksgiving is more of an understated and humble day - without all the fanfare and glitz - the way our faith should be. Humble, generous, giving, one of service and thankfulness with our eyes on God. Certainly not easy to do, but God helps us along the way by sending Jesus to guide us and the Holy Spirit to comfort us. What could be better than that?

On a side note, many of you have heard the news or read the paper about recent budget cuts to the Mission for 2019. We have not quite wrapped our head around what services we will have to cut, but unfortunately there will be some. With thoughtful prayer and a goal to still provide warmth, love, food and shelter, we will do what we can to try and make life easier for the neediest in our community. It has also been said by some in the community that the Mission just fills their belly for a day and doesn't do much more than keep them alive. That is not true! We house over 300 people a year, taking them from homelessness, to employment, to their own home and we are proud of what we do. We often don't get the word out about all the good we do as we are so busy dealing with folks in immediate crisis 24/7, 365. We house more than any other agency except public housing authorities, all while taking care of those who constantly come through our doors. We are truly service in action every hour of every day of the year - thanks to people like you who support us.

Enjoy your holiday with your family and friends, reach out to someone in need, thank a Veteran, and Thank God for all you have! We thank God for all of you each and every day.

Peace, Lysa





—NIGHT AT THE MISSION— A NIGHT OF HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

On September 20th supporters of the Mission spent the night in a tent outside the men's Mission to raise awareness for the homeless in our area. It was a cold night and a great example of what many homeless people endure when they choose to sleep outdoors. After a media event to thank our many wonderful sponsors, the group went down to the kitchen and waited in line for a tasty meal supplied by South Canyon Lutheran Church. They ate in our dining room and had a chance to visit with some of our guests.

After dinner a formerly homeless veteran then told his story about how Cornerstone was able to help him and find him housing in an apartment. Another guest talked about his homeless journey and his battle with cancer. He and his dog are now successfully housed and he is working. After a lot of good conversation, the men that stayed overnight retired to the tent outside until the next morning.

We want to thank the many sponsors that supported Cornerstone. We want to thank everyone that attended this event and especially the men who braved the cold night in the tent. A special thanks goes out to Ron Johnsen for organizing this event. Everyone left with a greater understanding of some of the challenges of the homeless in our area. We appreciate everyone that had a part in making this event such a success!



Winter Is Coming

Being homeless is always difficult but being homeless in the winter is especially difficult. Due to their lack of transportation, homeless people spend considerably more time outside in the bitter cold. Cornerstone is once again gathering coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, snow pants, overalls, and snow boots for women, children, and men (especially XL, 2XL, 3XL). These items can be dropped off at 30 Main Street and will be distributed to our guests. Thanks for providing “warmth” through the donation of a cold weather item!



RUNNING FOR AWARENESS



Some of the 5K participants

On October 6th about 75 people participated in the 6th Annual Cornerstone 5K. It was a brisk day but the runners/walkers didn't seem to mind. They were all smiling at the finish line - with the winner, Ryan Lester, finishing in just over 19 minutes!

We want to thank everyone that participated, our sponsors, and the volunteers who helped out. It was a fun day with a lot of laughs, good conversation, cool T-shirts and snacks. We hope you will join us next year for another fun day and to help support awareness for the homeless in our area.



Participants of all ages finished the 5K.



Ryan Lester completed the course in 19 minutes!

BUY A TURKEY- GIVE A TURKEY

Thanksgiving is almost here! As we sit down with family to enjoy this holiday meal, approximately 300 guests will be gathering at the Mission dining room to do the same. This number is high because financially struggling people from the public will also join us for this special meal. It will take a whole flock of turkeys to feed our guests that day - we are estimating 30.

We hope when you purchase your Thanksgiving turkey, that you will consider throwing an extra turkey into your shopping cart for Cornerstone. These can be dropped off at 30 Main at any time. Thanks!



Needs List

MEN'S MISSION

30 Main St.

KITCHEN:

Fruits and vegetables
Eggs, Milk, Coffee, Sugar,
Oatmeal, Pancake mix
Cream of Mushroom
or Chicken soup

MISSION:

Foot powder
Towels, twin-sized blankets
Twin-sized sheets
Cold weather outerwear
Reading glasses
Bottled water for sack lunches
Personal hygiene items for
men & women
Backpacks

CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE

401 - 11th Street

Beds, household furniture,
household appliances,
kitchen items, home décor

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME

301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, Eggs
Milk, Cereal
Sandwich bread
Butter, Sugar
Laundry/dish soap,
baby wash/baby lotion
Kleenex, Clorox wipes
and Personal hygiene items

VETERANS

30 Main St.

Shoes & boots, thermal
underwear, sugar/creamer,
antiperspirant, lotion,
backpacks, coffee

APARTMENTS

1220 East Blvd.

Dish soap
household cleaners

ADOPT A FAMILY:

Gas cards, oil changes,
laundry & dish soap,
toilet paper,
household things



Ardis Hass & the ladies
from Bethlehem Lutheran
Church gather sheets &
bedding for Cornerstone
on a regular basis.

Thanks Ladies!

Always *pray* to have eyes that see the **best**,
a heart that *forgives* the worst,
a mind that *forgets* the bad,
& a soul that never loses **faith**.

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Think you can't change the future?

THINK AGAIN

Leave a Legacy

There are a number of ways that you can become a Cornerstone Rescue Mission Foundation supporter, and, at the same time, realize favorable tax and estate planning for you, your family, and your heirs:

Assets Your Legacy can Live On!

For more information on any of these options, or to schedule an appointment to discuss them, please contact Jim Castleberry, Cornerstone Foundation Director, at 605-209-0152 or jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org

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