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Happy Thanksgiving!

What started out as a soup kitchen has evolved into an emergency shelter, Veteran's program, soup kitchen, Women and Children's Mission, a Thrift Store and an apartment complex. We've seen a lot of changes over the last 42 years and have evolved tremendously. What has not changed is our desire to care for the neediest members of our community who range from infant to folks in their 80's. Many have faced or are in the midst of tremendous life changing trauma and are in need of the basics: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and love. We supply all of those and more with the love and grace of God, and with the assistance of our many donors. Lives are being transformed daily as they heal spiritually, mentally and physically and go on to find work and their own homes. Another thing that has not changed is the generosity of our donors who care as much for the homeless as we do. Thank you for your care, concern and support. We hope to continue to serve our community for another 42 years.

Please remember our wonderful Veterans this month who have sacrificed so much for us. We have a veteran's area at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and we also have a state-wide grant for homeless veterans with case managers across the state to assist. Our grant is called the Supportive Services for Veterans Families and the grant includes case management, financial assistance for rent, security deposits, utility deposits, childcare, limited car repairs and other emergency funding.

With all of the turmoil in the world, I am reminded of how wonderful it is to live in a country that is safe, free, and has wonderful opportunities. Yes, we do have some problems, but we are better off than most of the rest of the world. Thank you to our Veterans who have fought to give us this safety and freedom and the ability for boundless opportunities. Please pray for our Veterans and their families and give God the Glory and Gratitude on Thanksgiving Day!

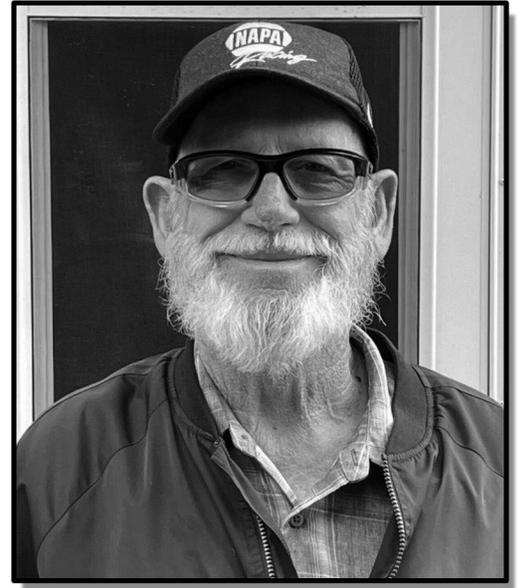
Peace, Lysa



Making Big Moves

Larry, an Army Vietnam Veteran, came to the mission from camping outside in the Hot Springs area. He has no family or friends in the area. Larry decided to move from Colorado to start over in Hot Springs because he thought there was ample housing available. After arriving in Hot Springs, he discovered that was not the case. He had no idea what to do. After working with a Cornerstone case manager (Jenifer), he signed up for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) benefits at the end of July. On September 5th Larry moved into housing in the Hot Springs area. He is very happy with his new home and grateful for the help he received from his Cornerstone SSVF case manager. Congrats to Larry!

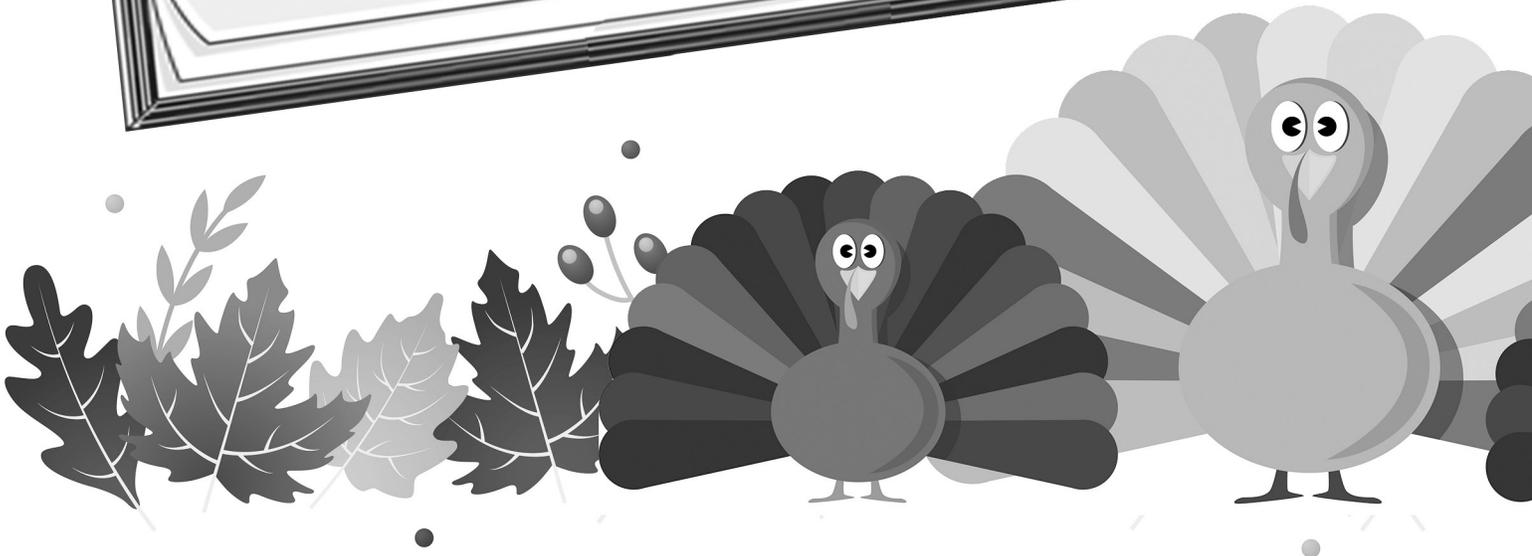
(As told by Jenifer Jordan, SSVF Case Manager)



Buy a Turkey – Give a Turkey

Thanksgiving is almost here! As we sit down with family to enjoy this holiday meal, approximately 400+ 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 40 to 45.

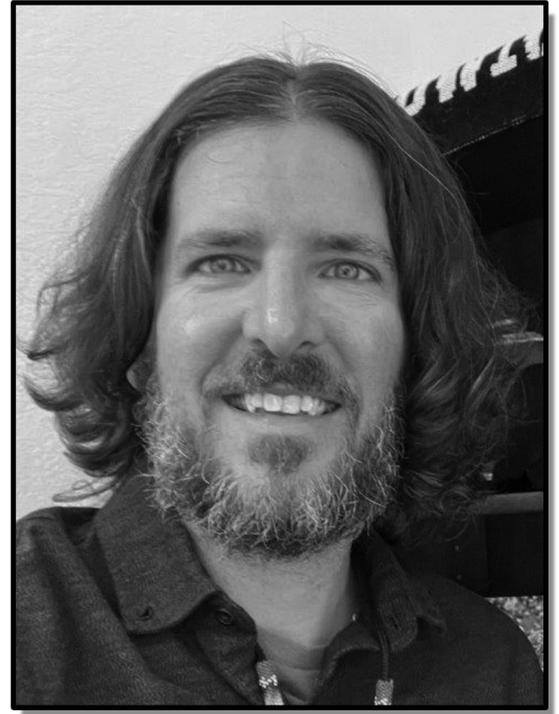
We hope when you purchase your Thanksgiving turkey, that you will consider throwing an extra turkey into your shopping cart for Cornerstone. These can be dropped off at 30 Main at any time. Thanks!



Celebrating Employees: Matt Hower

How long have you been a member of the Cornerstone team? I was hired in June of 2022.

What does your job entail? As Operations Manager of our downtown facility (30 Main St), I ensure the emergency shelter, veteran's wing, CTP program, and soup kitchen operate smoothly every day. I make sure the building is staffed and work with the supervisors and case managers who update me on our guests and any progress they are making. I also monitor our donations and ensure they are being picked up in a timely manner as well as being distributed to our other Cornerstone locations. I also work closely with our Facilities Manager to keep our building maintained and looking good for our guests and the public. We serve hundreds of people every day, so I also focus on the safety of our staff and guests.



What is most rewarding about your job/what do you like the most about your work? Seeing guests leave here with housing, jobs and a new purpose! I am honored that we can assist them in their time of need and it's amazing when they check in from time to time to let us know how they are doing. We also have daily staff prayer time which is such a blessing.

What are the toughest challenges of your job? We have so many talented and skilled guests who come through our doors who struggle with addiction. This is so challenging for them because they haven't conquered it yet, but we continue to encourage and support them as they battle the stronghold that addiction has on them. As Lamentations 3:21-23 says, "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." I encourage our staff here at Cornerstone to stay strong in the faith and remember who they are serving and why we do it!

What is your favorite hobby/hobbies? Spending time with my family in the Black Hills, listening to music, working out, doing yard work, going to Rush hockey games and of course Kansas City Chiefs football!

What is your favorite food? Mexican, preferably Michelle's Tacos!

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? I won a karaoke contest once.



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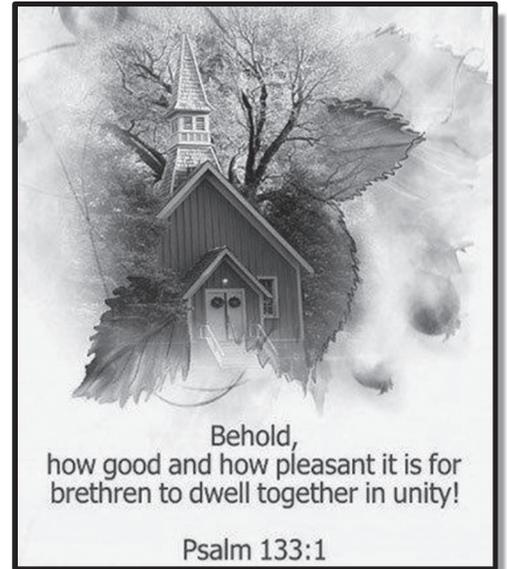
Sam Fischer, Financial Analyst
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The Women & Children's Home had special visitors to their playground one morning!



And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you
Ephesians 4:32
KJV



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!)