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If the Spirit Moves You to Help...



Summer is winding down and school is in session and the trees are starting to show signs of changing. Many people don't like this time of year as it means another summer has ended. At the same time, many people like this season as they love seeing God's paintbrush as the trees change color, harvest is plentiful, and the chill in the air smells delightful. Hot cocoa, apple cider, jumping in leaves and warm sweaters all point towards coziness and shorter days. Transition is a constant in our life and sometimes it is positive and sometimes it is negative - but the other constant is God's presence, healing and love.

All of our donors and sponsors show their love by giving to the Thrift Store, writing checks, praying and donating their time. Some of the most visible volunteers are the ones who cook and serve our meals. We are so blessed to have so many churches and civic groups who want to help feed the neediest in Rapid City. Our soup kitchen has a special place in our hearts as that is the true foundation of Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Our mission started out as a very humble soup kitchen in Dave & Cheryl

Adam's home, and over time grew into a very large ministry. Thank you to all who cook, serve and preach at our evening and weekend meals. We truly could not feed 500 meals a day without your help. As you will see on the next few pages, we are in need of more groups or churches to assist us with this task. You will be inspired by our story on Phyllis Harper, who served in this capacity through Bethel Assembly of God church for 32 years! Her dedication is truly remarkable.

As the season moves from summer to fall and temperatures drop, we are preparing to serve our guests by stocking up on coats, hats, gloves, scarves - any cold weather gear. As you buy new winter items, please consider donating last year's items to Cornerstone Rescue Mission or throwing a few new items into your cart. We have people who come daily in need of warm items, so we can certainly use anything warm you bring to us - for all ages and sizes.

Thank you for your concern for the homeless and we wish you a Happy Harvest of God's blessings!

Peace, Lysa



Phyllis Harper -

A Steady Presence for 32 Years

In the Bible, when God speaks of a “faithful servant”, I envision that he is speaking about a person like Phyllis Harper. For 32 years Phyllis has led the Bethel Assembly of God Church group that provides a monthly meal at Cornerstone. She has been responsible for calling the volunteers who provide the ingredients for the meal and those people that help transport the food, cook the meal and serve it. Phyllis and her faithful group always make sloppy joes and top the meal off with great homemade baked goods. The 100 to 175 guests they feed always leave happy and well fed. Last month, at age 88, Phyllis decided it was time to hang up her hair net and pass the torch to someone else at Bethel Assembly. Angie Langstaff will now lead the group into the future.



Phyllis Harper cooking up Love!

All of us at Cornerstone, including the guests, would like to thank Phyllis for her 32 years of showing love to our guests and staff through the preparation and serving of these meals. We also want to thank everyone at Bethel Assembly of God who is involved in this process. It takes many food donors and volunteers to make this happen every month and we are humbled by the fact that this church has consistently done it for so long. Bethel Assembly is definitely full of “faithful servants” and I’m sure God is smiling.



A Joyful Day at the Women & Children's Home

Every day is a day of hope and encouragement at the Women & Children's Home but August 15th was an especially joyful day! Not only was it our 4 year anniversary of the day we opened at that location, it was the day of the official Open House of the expanded facility. And, what a fun day it turned out to be! There were tours where lots of questions were answered, refreshments served and a great sense of community.

The expanded facility now holds 68 women and children instead of the previous capacity of 36. In a testimony to how great the need is, the newly



Amanda Pioche, Program Manager, takes a break on the nice donated living room furniture.

opened side has already been consistently filled. We are excited about the prospect of helping almost twice the number of women and children. Imagine how many lives will be changed!

We want to send a big thank-you to our donors, the community support of the neighborhood, the hard work of Amanda Pioche (Program Manager) and her crew, and everyone that lifted us up in prayer. A lot of people came together to ensure there are many "joyful days" at the Women & Children's Home, a place where lives are truly being transformed!



A welcoming home.



A nice space to have a cup of coffee.



A tidy bedroom ready for new guests.

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Meal Groups Needed at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission

A meaningful way to serve those struggling with homelessness & poverty.
A great way to promote team building & compassion.

The Cornerstone has these meals open each month:

2nd Monday – Dinner (Open every month except Dec 2020)

2nd Saturday – Lunch (Open every month except March,
June, Sept 2020)

2nd Sunday – Lunch (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)

4th Tuesday – Dinner (Open every month)

4th Wednesday – Dinner (April, May, July, Aug, Sept 2020)

4th Thursday – Dinner (Open every month except Dec 2019)
- We have servers but no one supplying the meal.

4th Friday – Dinner (Jan, Feb, March, April, July, Aug, Oct,
Dec 2020)

4th Sunday – Lunch (March, May, July, Sept, Nov 2020)

5th Thursday – Dinner (Nov, Dec) – Open Feb,
March, May, June, Aug, Sept, Nov 2020.

5th Saturday – Dinner (Open every month)

5th Sunday – Lunch (Open every month)

This involves providing a meal for approximately 150 guests & 4 or 5 people to serve it. Cleanup is done by us. Call Deb at 718-8712 for more details.

Needs
List:

Thank You!!

MEN'S MISSION
30 Main St.

KITCHEN

Fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk,
coffee, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix
Cream of mushroom or chicken soup
all kinds of meat.

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, furniture and appliances,
kitchen items, home décor.

WOMEN & CHILDREN'S
HOME

301 Fox Run Drive

Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal, sandwich
bread, butter, sugar, laundry soap,
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 and household cleaners.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Gas cards, oil changes, laundry soap,
dish soap, toilet paper, household
items.

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!)