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## Steps of Faith

Summer is coming to an end while we transition into the crispness and beauty of fall. As a society we are also transitioning from being home and homeschooling to going back to the workplace and putting our children back into school. No one knows at this time what our new normal will be, but we take steps of faith to try and reintegrate our selves and our families, knowing we cannot isolate forever.

God did not create us to isolate, but to be in a family or part of a larger community. Thanks to the benefit of technology, we have been able to be in contact with other members of our families as we zoom and facechat - opportunities we have not had in the past. Nothing takes the place of human contact, but God has provided a way for many of us to still have that connectedness.

At Cornerstone Rescue Mission, we continue to be a family presence to many hurting individuals and we are helping them through this isolation and pandemic the best we can. We are providing an anchor for them to be able to keep in touch with family, yet continue to help

them find hope and healing. They are still searching for employment and finding much success. We are still working with landlords and housing them, trying to create a sense of normalcy for them too. They are taking steps of faith as well, venturing out to better their lives in the midst of a pandemic.

Thank you all for your support through your prayers, household, food and financial donations. You are helping us restore faith in hurting people and giving them the strength and faith to move forward in self-sufficiency and creating a new life for themselves. We are continuing to pray for our guests, our staff, our community and our donors - praying for safety, health, peace and understanding!

God Bless You,  
Lysa





## Meet the Staff

Cornerstone has so many caring, amazing staff members and this month we thought we would introduce you to one of them.

Amanda Pioche is the Program Manager at the Women & Children's Home (WCH). Amanda has been with Cornerstone for 5 years, the last 3 in her current position. Her challenging and important job is to oversee all aspects of the WCH and report back to Lysa, the Executive Director.

Amanda is a joy to be around. She is positive, funny, caring, and hard-working, and it was fun sitting down to talk to her. I asked her to tell me a little bit about herself and her job at the WCH. She states...

**"I have an amazing job. It is a challenge every day and some days it can be overwhelming – but I wouldn't have it any other way. The ladies that come through the shelter are some of the most amazing and strong women I have ever met. The resilience that some of them show is an inspiration and it's what makes me so driven to continue to improve the shelter and help inspire the ones that come through the door. It is rewarding to watch them become stronger and self-sufficient as they accept the help and structure of the shelter. They realize that we offer so much more than just a place to stay.**

**A big part of my job is meeting with the case managers about setting goals for the ladies and making suggestions on some of the more challenging cases. I work with some of the most amazing, patient, and loving group of women/case managers who work with the residents to break down barriers that are preventing them from moving forward. I also keep in contact with different resources around the community and pass that information on to the staff. I enjoy being invited to speak at organizations that want to learn and hear more about the WCH and I appreciate their interest and support.**

**The fact that we keep God in our workplace and in our personal lives makes him a constant in our day-to-day and we can show his grace and love to the ones that come to us for help."**

When asked about her hobbies, Amanda talked about her band Fast Track which she has played in, with her two brothers, for ten years. She also enjoys remodeling spaces and can tackle most projects on her own. Ultimately, her greatest joy is her 4 children who keep her very busy as well.

Thanks Amanda for the amazing job you do at the Women & Children's Home!





## Augustine Gives Back

Mr. Augustine Rosales is working as a Program Manager at the Cornerstone Mission. He has come a long way from homelessness to giving back and assisting others that find themselves in somewhat the same position that he was in. Here is his story:

“I went homeless on 05/20/2019, I was working as a cook, but I was paying for rent and child support. I found myself not able to afford to pay my rent any longer and I found myself having to stay at the Cornerstone Mission. I continued to work when I was staying at Cornerstone, I was grateful to have a bed to sleep in and a roof over my head, along with three meals a day.

Cornerstone helped me so much that I was able to save the money and get a place, which I still have to this day. If it were not for Cornerstone, I do not know where I would be. The staff at Cornerstone were great. They cared and understood what I was going through. One day, I heard that they were looking for a cook, so I applied for the position. I was hired to be a Supervisor at Cornerstone instead. I am loving the opportunity to give back. What they did for me, I was humbled to be able to help people that were in the same position that I was in. I worked for six months and proud to work at Cornerstone. Then one day I was promoted to Program Manager. I am amazed at how far that I have come. I am proud to be where I am, Thank God and Thank Cornerstone. I am a very lucky person, and to have the blessings that I have received. I was put in this position for a reason. I know that the Lord wanted me here and I am going to run with it.”

Thanks Augustine for sharing your story!



## Helping Hands

Jeffrey Hardrick, Bruce Grover & Brenda Davis from the Rapid City Area School District Summer Feeding Program have been coming to the Cornerstone Apartments twice a week to hand out food to the children living in the apartments. This has been a great help to our families and we are so thankful for this program and the people who deliver the food!

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11th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Cornerstone Rescue Mission



**Where:** Red Rocks Golf Course, Rapid City SD

**When:** Friday September 11, 2020 (11:00 AM Shot Gun Start)

**Sponsor Fee:** \$150 per Person OR \$600 per Group, 4 Person, 18-Hole Scramble  
(Includes Golf, Cart and Range Balls). Limited to first 144 players who respond.

ALL monies being donated to: The Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

Mail in Entry Form

I have enclosed a per person or team entry fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\$150 per Person or \$600 per Team of 4

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Entry forms, fees by **August 31, 2020** to:

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Email questions to: [tammy@mgoil.com](mailto:tammy@mgoil.com). THANKS for supporting a great charity!!

*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 all kinds of meat.

**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, baby wash, baby lotion, kleenex, clorox wipes and personal hygiene items.

**CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE - 401 - 11th Street**

Beds, furniture and 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 and laundry soap

**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!)