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Planning Ahead

It is 90 degrees out today and I am pondering a few months ahead to the beginning of fall/winter and what we need to do to prepare for those who will be needing our services in a few short months. Like the farmers harvesting their crops to make it through the winter season, we are in the process of doing the same at Cornerstone. God calls us to be good stewards, which often means planning ahead to be prepared for whatever comes. A big part of that planning comes from praying, and from others being moved by God to contribute to the neediest in our community...the motivated homeless who are working on sobriety, life skills, finding employment, and renewing their mindset. Recently we had a retired dentist bring in all kinds of dental hygiene kits for our guests. Black Hills Federal Credit Union launched their annual blanket drive for us (pictures and a story next month), and several others are stepping up with donations of hygiene products, socks, winter hats and scarves. One of our biggest needs is good quality men's gloves and men's coats size XL and above.

For the 12th year, Black Hills Community Bank has stepped up to help us plan ahead with their annual Diaper Drive. This year they raised enough money and actual diapers to assist the Cornerstone Women & Children's Home with their diaper needs, and other baby needs, for the next 12 months. The cost of diapers is so expensive and for the women who are trying to get back on their feet, not having to purchase diapers is such a gift. We are grateful to Black Hills Community Bank for their dedication to the annual Diaper Drive to ensure that the children in our care have all their diaper needs taken care of! (See story/pictures inside).

If you would like to assist us in cooking meals for the Men's Mission, please let us know. We are in desperate need of groups that will commit to a meal a month (mostly evening meals) to provide food, cook and serve food for the homeless. We also have spots available for every other month, or every 3rd or 4th month. We lost many of our regular groups due to COVID, and want to revamp this crucial ministry. Our soup kitchen was the start of Cornerstone Rescue Mission and is a good way to use your time, talents and energy to serve the hungry.

Peace, Lysa



Black Hills Community Bank – A Friend for Many Years

Thanks to our Friends at Black Hills Community Bank and to the Black Hills community for once again blessing us with their annual Diaper Drive. It was their 12th year! This year the bank gathered diapers and cash equaling 55,000 diapers for the Women & Children’s Home. How amazing is that! These funds are also used to purchase other baby and toddler items. The month-long event included an online auction and Friday bake sales. A big Thanks to everyone at Black Hills Community Bank for all their hard work and to everyone in the community who contributed!



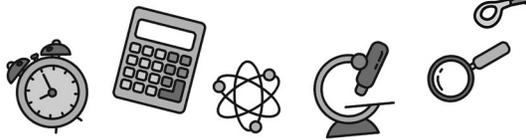
Amanda Pioche, Women & Children’s Home Program Manager, in front of the pile of diapers with her new baby “Chowder”.



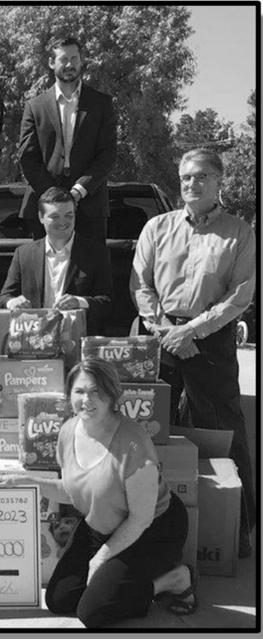
The kids helped with getting the diapers into the building.



Congrats to Artem! Artem was a CTP (Community Transition Program) guest at Cornerstone who now has his own place and is employed. His employer appreciates his work ethic and how dependable he is. Artem recently graduated from his CBISA class (drug treatment) and is committed to staying clean. Artem was respectful to staff and guests and always had a smile on his face. Congrats Artem!



Celebrating Employees: Jenifer Jordan



How long have you been a member of the Cornerstone team? 3.5 years

What does your job entail? Case Management to Veterans and their families that qualify for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program services.

What is most rewarding about your job/ what do you like the most about your work?

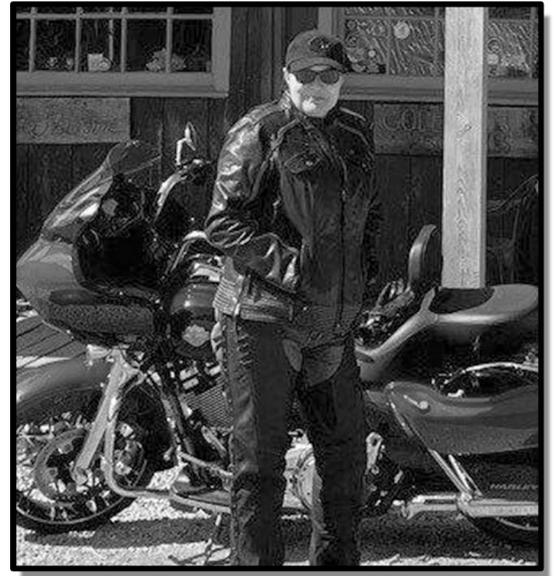
The most rewarding time of my job comes at the end of each case, after I've worked with the Veteran and their family. I've gotten to know them; I've assisted them in becoming stable in housing; and have been right there with them to meet each crisis and challenge. Now it's time to let them stand on their own and make the best of it.

What are the toughest challenges of your job? Veterans come to our program for assistance in getting stable in their housing. But if they won't work the program or assist themselves at all, it makes our jobs so much harder.

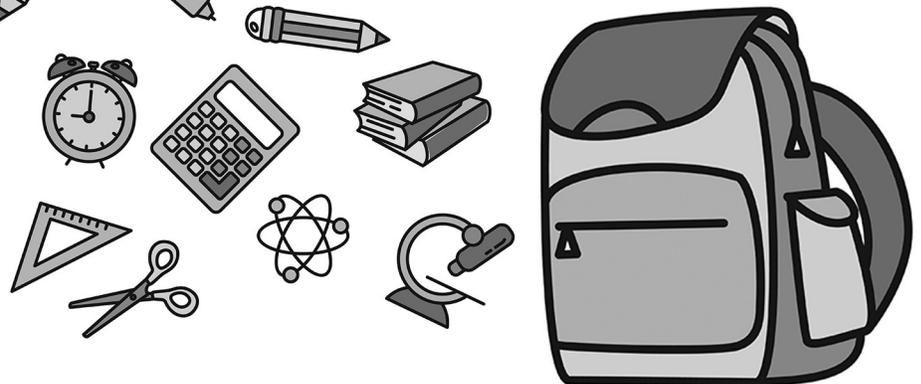
What is your favorite hobby/hobbies? Kayaking and motorcycleing through the Black Hills.

What is your favorite food? Good pizza

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know? I'm crafty. I paint and crochet.



Thank You for being a member of the Cornerstone Family! We appreciate You!



Mike Alley, the owner of Exit Realty, presented Amanda Pioche, Program Manager of the Women & Children's Home, with a check for \$365. What a generous gift!

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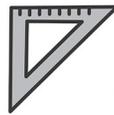
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A wonderful youth group from Faith Community Church of Pipestone, Minnesota helped us out in the Thrift Store and at the Men's Mission. They were a great help!



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



Michael Albin, Co-Owner of Black Hills Running Company, brought over running shoes to be donated to our guests. What a useful gift for people that are on their feet a lot!

Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.

KITCHEN: Canned fruits and vegetables, elbow mac., milk, coffee, oatmeal, pancake mix, cream of mushroom or chicken soup, cereal, egg noodles.

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!)