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Summer Slow Down

As summer winds down and the days get cooler, I hope you can spend some time reflecting on the fun you had over the summer with your family and friends. As the busyness of school and sports activities beckons, spending time with God becomes more important to keep our spiritual tank filled.

As we reflect on our Cornerstone summer, it has been busier than usual. As most of you know, we have a statewide grant to house homeless veterans called the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF Grant.) We have opened an office in Sioux Falls for our staff as the program continues to grow. This complements our SSVF office in Rapid City nicely, and we are firmly anchored on both sides of the state to serve those who have served us.

We have also purchased a motel in Rapid City to serve as a short-term medical respite center for those who are homeless and in need of continued care but are not necessarily sick enough to need a hospital bed. This will open much-needed hospital beds in our community and bring healing before they return to the Mission or another home. This is a partnership between the South Dakota Department of Health, Monument Health, the Rapid City Fire Department Integrated Health Program and Cornerstone Rescue Mission. We are a pilot program for the state and are excited to partner with these agencies to provide services to this unique group.

Cornerstone will be providing the space to heal, while the doctors and mobile medics and their Community Health Care providers assist with medication management and medical care. We expect to open this fall so more details to follow!

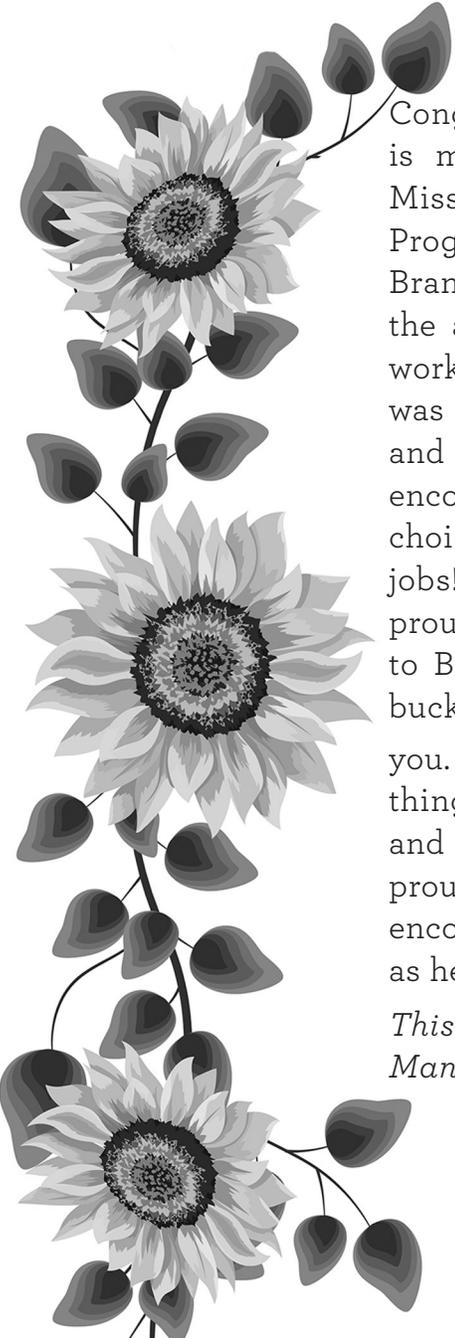
Black Hills Community Bank continues to live up to their name.....always giving to the community! They held their 13th Annual Diaper Drive for us and gave us diapers and cash equaling 54,051 diapers - a record! These diapers will be used for the women staying at the Women & Children's Home. Everyone with a child or grandchild understands how expensive diapers are, and this is one way we can assist our homeless families get back on their feet! Thank you, Black Hills Community Bank, for your generosity and for this unique idea and gift for Cornerstone. More details inside!

Enjoy the rest of the summer...

Jesus Loves You!

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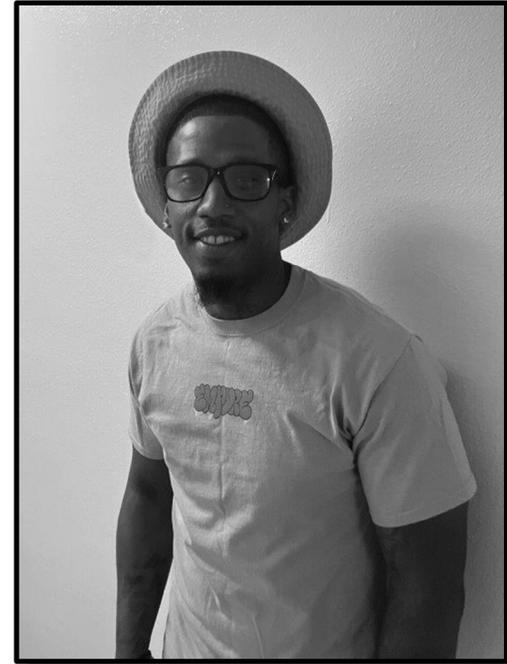


Moving Up!

Congratulations to Brandon S. who is moving out of Cornerstone Rescue Mission CTP (Community Transition Program) and into his OWN place! Brandon came to CTP not knowing the area and quickly began looking for work. During his time in CTP, Brandon was respectful and helpful to the staff and other guests. Brandon was always encouraging other guests to make good choices and helped several of them get jobs! His hard work paid off and he is proud of his accomplishments. According to Brandon, "The program works if you buckle down and do what is expected of

you. Be smart with your money and learn how to save it for important things." He added, "The staff was awesome and treated me with respect and I'm glad I was able to help other guests along the way!" We are proud of Brandon and blessed to have been able to work with him, encourage him and pray for him. Please continue to pray for Brandon as he starts this new chapter in his life!

This encouraging news was submitted by Matt Hower, Operations Manager for the Men's Mission and CTP program.



Care Beyond Borders

The Girl Scout Troop 00887 from Kearney, Nebraska put together personal care kits for the guests of Cornerstone. They dropped

these kits off when they were on a trip to the Black Hills.

What a great group of young ladies!



Commitment to Community

13 Years! That is quite a commitment! Our Friends at Black Hills Community Bank, and the Black Hills community, once again blessed us with their annual Diaper Drive. This year the bank gathered diapers and cash equaling 54,000+ diapers for the Women & Children's Home. What an amazing gift! These funds are also used to purchase other baby and toddler items. The month-long event included an online auction, bake sales, dessert competition, and a rummage sale. Our Friends at the bank go to great lengths to make this event a success!

A big Thanks to everyone at Black Hills Community Bank for all their hard work, and to everyone in the community who contributed!



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Mike Albin, co-owner of the Black Hills Running Company, dropped off many boxes of shoes for our guests. What a generous and useful gift!



Needs List:

MEN'S MISSION - 30 Main St.
KITCHEN: Sugar, spices, cereal,
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!)