Look at what God is doing!

Be sure to read all the wonderful things that are happening. It looks like we will be opening Creation Café by the summer. The Café will be located in our building and will be open to the public for lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The planned hours will be 11:00 to 2:00 - check our website at www.canetwork.org for updates. In case you didn't know, Creation Café will be a job training program for those interested in pursuing a career in the Food Service/Hospitality Industry. We are really excited to see lives changed through Creation Café. The Charitable Clinic and Ophthalmic Center are growing, as well as the fitness facility. The Thrift Store continues to offer the finest shopping in Tarrant County. Housing is exploding. God has us working on extraordinary projects.

Please continue reading the Network News and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Be looking for an exciting and fun project we will be announcing soon. You can actually help us raise some money and win prizes. More to come!

Serving Him together,

Mike Doyle
Chief Executive Officer
We are all so blessed by the testimony of Promise House resident, Audry R. When Audry came to Promise House over a year ago, her plans included a short stay and a one-way ticket back to Arkansas once her probation was completed. Little did Audry know that God had other plans for her. Audry worked the specifics of her probation, participated in Promise House Lifestyle-Management Program, and worked part-time, all while seeking to strengthen her relationship with God. She was intentional in her plans to cross T’s and dot I’s so she would be approved to head home.

As unfortunate as it was, Audry was denied early release, not just once but three times. Of course she was disappointed, but to our surprise, her response to the somewhat devastating news was the astonishing growth and maturity in Christ Audry demonstrated. She seemed to rest in the decisions that God was making in her life. She had begun to realize that God’s plans differ from ours and are always best. Although Audry desires to return to Arkansas, she remains faithful, trusting God while she attends community college and works part-time, proving that she can do all things through Christ who gives her the strength.

New Life Center...Jack Rudolph has been diligent in his studies and seen the fruit of his labor. He once again made the Dean’s list at Tarrant County College for the 2012 Fall semester. Jack, along with hundreds of other Biology students, submitted an essay for the opportunity to go to Hawaii on a Biology Science trip. His essay was 1 of 20 selected, providing him with an all-expenses paid trip. The trip was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Society, of which Jack is a member.

Amazing things are happening with Cornerstone’s Housing Program. In partnership with Bank of America, Cornerstone took ownership of four houses in need of rehabilitation. We have gone in and rehabbed these homes, trying to make all things new; appliances, HVAC, water heaters, flooring, updated kitchens and bathrooms, roofs, windows, and foundations when needed. These homes will be sold to first-time home buyers and the revenue generated will be used to fix up homes for more first-time home buyers. All four homes should be sold by April 1, making four families proud new owners of their own homes and investors in their community.

Please pray with us as God is opening doors for other housing projects that could become self-sustaining. These programs would provide long-term housing for case-management clients, additional home-ownership opportunities for families, and even employment for reentry clients.

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Our goal is to make 2013 the Year of the Mentor at Cornerstone Assistance Network. In all of our programs, we have participants in need of a Godly source of encouragement. From the men and women at Tarrant County Jail to the ladies of Christian Women’s Job Corps and Promise House to the men at the New Life Center and our families in the Comprehensive Care Program, we need your help making a positive impact on our program participants. At Cornerstone, we believe lasting life change happens through relationships. First, in a relationship with Jesus Christ, then with other believers. We have mentor training events at Cornerstone 6 times a year, but if our dates don’t work for you, we would love to schedule other training opportunities at your location. Upcoming Mentor Training dates at Cornerstone: June 1, August 3. If you are interested in becoming a Cornerstone Mentor or scheduling a Mentor Training event at your church, please contact me at 817-632-6029 or khorton@canetwork.org.

Cornerstone’s Comprehensive Care Program (3CP) is designed to span the gap between homelessness and stability. Case managers work closely with participants to assist them on their journey to provide a home and better quality of life for their family. Last year, we were able to provide a single mother of 4 with a car that was donated to the ministry. This vehicle opened the door to many opportunities that were closed before. She has also found the confidence to find greater employment and is looking forward to being able to provide consistently for her children. 3CP is a program filled with hope. We take the ministry of Cornerstone seriously and desire that all would be encouraged, empowered, educated, and edified along this journey.

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CAN Works, a project of our Reentry Services, graduated 54 Career Development clients from January 17th through the end of March. Of those, 50 have found employment. We are also offering an Employability with a Background Seminar once a month. This 2-hour seminar helps men and women develop a resume and job search plan that will enable them to overcome this barrier to employment. Seminar attendees are reminded of how much God loves them and how much they have to offer our community. Practical solutions to approaching their background on their resume and during job interviews open doors for employment that they might not have otherwise tried to walk through. This seminar is open to anyone with a criminal background - regardless of the offense. For more information, or to sign up for a seminar, call 817-632-6000 x 331.
Jesus performed many miracles during his time of earthly ministry. A miracle He performed many times and in astonishing ways was restoring sight to the blind. One way people experience healing today is through the knowledge and skills of medical professionals. As many of you know, Cornerstone collaborated with Alcon to create our state-of-the-art cataract procedure suite where people with no other hope for treatment have their sight restored.

Dr. Glenn Strauss, Associate Medical Director of Cornerstone Charitable Clinic, performed four cataract removal procedures on April 4, 2013. To help overcome the chance of patients feeling vulnerable or afraid, they each had a volunteer companion who was with them throughout the treatment process.

These precious patients received the gift of sight, essentially transforming their lives. One man lost his job due to low visual acuity, and the others were at risk of losing their ability to work in their chosen occupations. They all want to work and contribute to their families and communities, and now that their vision has been restored, they can maintain their independence and productivity.

God continues to bless the Cornerstone Thrift Store with quality donations from individuals and organizations. We are able to minister to our clients with free items, and help support the ministry with sales from the store. Did you know that each year, we give away more than we sell?

Our awesome staff works hard every day to sort, price, and display new items so every trip is an adventure. We have loyal customers who come on a weekly or even daily basis because they know there will be fun, affordable new items each time. Here are a few of our recent displays. (Don’t get attached - most, if not all, of these items are already gone, but other quality items have taken their place.)

Store hours are every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and the First Saturday of each month from 10am - 4pm. To sign up for the Thrift Store newsletter, send an email to pnorwood@canetwork.org with “Thrift Store Newsletter” in the subject line. You’ll receive updates on each week’s sale items and valuable coupons to use when you shop.
Connect with Cornerstone:

Web site: www.canetwork.org
Come to the newly designed web site for information on all of CAN’s programs, important announcements, client videos, and to make a secure donation online.

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/canetwork
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Creation Café Internship Program: For more information, contact Ken Ross, Marketing and Training Coordinator, at 817-632-6000 x115 or kross@canetwork.org

Golfers, Corporate, and Individual Sponsors, and Prize Packages are needed.
For more information, call Kristen at 817-632-6022 or khorton@canetwork.org