

Introduction



Cornerstone Assistance Network was established in 1992 to meet the needs and restore the hope of individuals and families suffering under the burden of poverty in Tarrant County, Texas. Since its inception, Cornerstone has been a major resource for churches, businesses and other community organizations through its provision of relief, recovery, and restorative services. By networking with other agencies, Cornerstone offers 13 direct-service programs that are non-duplicated in approach and efficient in administration.



Today, Cornerstone has grown to become a national model for integrating partner organizations, volunteers and financial support to consistently serve thousands each year with emergency food, clothing, and furniture; free medical, educational and employment services; along with transitional housing and home-ownership opportunities. Cornerstone has built into its relational service delivery a unique accountability with all clients, as staff and volunteers model Christian friendship and values to all those they serve.

Fundamental to Cornerstone programs and services is the belief that personal transformation requires more than just having one's physical needs met. Attention must be given to a person's "whole" being including his or her emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical state. It is Cornerstone's belief that any program or service that neglects one's moral and spiritual issues cannot offer long-term hope and life change.



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A higher purpose.*



Uniting with others in Christian love
to meet the needs of people.

Relief Services

Emergency needs are met with food, clothing, furniture and medical services. When available, emergency rental and utility assistance is provided to help keep people in housing. Mentors and volunteers are available to offer spiritual and emotional support.

- **Cornerstone's Community Services** provides clients emergency needs through a voucher to the Cornerstone Thrift Store. The Thrift Store is open to the public as well as to clients and serves as a job-training site for the retail industry.



Recovery Services

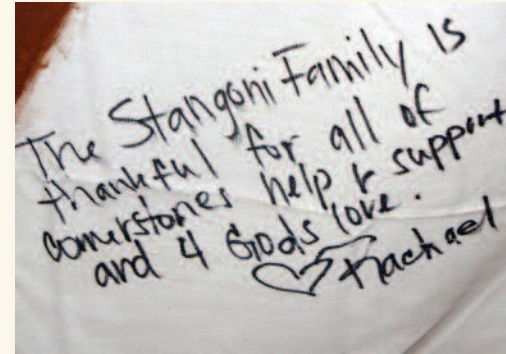
On-going needs for all age groups—children, adults, and senior adults—are addressed through a wide array of direct services including tutoring, a children's fine arts program, college and career readiness services, two-year transitional housing, and intensive case management services.

- **Cornerstone's Welcome Back Program** offers community re-entry services for men and women who have been incarcerated. Referrals are made by Tarrant County parole officers who engage approximately 2,500 returning offenders each year. Services include food, clothing, and referrals for mental health counseling and housing.



- The **Cornerstone Comprehensive Care Program (3CP)** has been serving the homeless of Tarrant County since 1997. 3CP was established in order to fill a gap in the County's "Continuum of Care" system by providing intensive case management services to homeless individuals and families. Case management provides clients with the individualized structure and support needed to move them from subsidy to financial independence.

- **Cornerstone's Medical Clinic** offers medical care to uninsured patients who are in need of a medical home. Current clinic partners include interns from the University of Texas Health Science Center, nursing students from Texas Christian University's Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences, the Epilepsy Foundation, Texas Health Resource's Wellness for Life Mobile Unit, Moncrief Cancer Resources - Moncrief Mobile Unit, and eight volunteer physicians from the community. New to the Medical Clinic will be an Ophthalmic Theatre, in partnership with Alcon Laboratories, and Prevent Blindness. This Tarrant County clinic will be unique, offering ophthalmic procedures to potentially serve 900 patients annually. Also planned is a 2-chair dental clinic.
- **Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing** is offered through scattered-site housing which provides up to 24-months of rental and utility assistance to homeless families. All participants receive intensive case management services from 3CP staff. The New Life Center offers 18 homeless men a seamless transition from rehabilitation services as they emerge from drug addiction. Cornerstone's Trinity Place program offers housing and after-care services to men transitioning from the New Life Center into their own home or apartment. All housing clients receive intensive case management to increase the rate of success.



Restoration Services

Long-term development needs are addressed through mentoring programs, permanent supportive housing programs, and home-ownership opportunities.

- **Cornerstone Intermediary Services** is committed to enhancing organizational stability of its network partners. By mentoring new organizations in meeting their mission, Cornerstone is transforming organizations with efficiency and effectiveness. Cornerstone's goal is to "incubate" three to four small faith- and community-based organizations for 6 months in order to prepare them for a lifetime of sustainable ministry.



Network Partners

Cornerstone networks with over 200 churches, organizations, businesses, and government agencies to ensure clients' needs are met. For information on how your church, organization, or business can unite with us as a Network Partner and help meet the needs of people in your community, please contact Roddy Youree at 817-632-6000.

Serving those in need

Finding effective, long-term remedies to complicated social problems such as poverty and homelessness is certainly no easy task. Your support truly makes a difference. Please contact our offices to volunteer or make a financial contribution to the ministry.

- **Workforce Development** creates job readiness programs that help move each individual toward independent living and full-time employment. Participants not only receive guidance in job training, but assistance with high school GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), and adult literacy. Other essential services such as transitional housing and medical care are offered to help a person maintain full time employment. A new and exciting component of this division is Cornerstone's Food Services and Hospitality Training Program. As a part of the community meeting room in the main building, this program will offer participants a hands-on training site in Cornerstone's Creation Restaurant. Upon completion, lunch for 50 - 75 people can be served daily. It is anticipated that the restaurant will be financially self-sustaining within one year. Additionally, a walk-in freezer for the restaurant will, when fully equipped, allow for 50 pallets of frozen meat and food to be kept for food service programs.
- **Cornerstone Housing Development Corporation** has as its goal to restore and revitalize communities by providing decent and affordable housing to low and moderate income families. Additionally, those with barriers to employment will gain valuable work experience in the construction trades. Program participants are typically transitioning from homelessness, transitional housing, or rental properties, into home ownership. Participants attend a certified, first-time home buyer's class as Cornerstone resources the churches, businesses, and other community organizations in the area to help assimilate new residents into the neighborhood.

