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FROM THE TREASURER

Theresa Bergsma

As we come to the close of another calendar year we would like to thank the many generous supporters of Cornerstone Christian Care Society. We are very blessed to be able to meet our budget needs so far this year. As I read over last year's year-end comments I find I could have almost reposted with very little change.

By the grace of God we continue to meet our budget needs – as at the end of October was \$380,662.00 and total expenses \$288,813.00. Of this total income \$275,552.00 is from the province with the rest being general donation and fundraising. This year our general donation line is on target, in large part due to a few very generous individuals who have helped boost that total.

As has happened for most of our years in existence we have budgeted for items, that due to various roadblocks, we were not able to achieve and therefore we have balanced our books by year end. This year is no different as we had budgeted for 24/7 care in Winnipeg and we have not yet been able to fully achieve that. However, with the Lord's blessing we have made a very big step in that direction. As you have seen in other information from Cornerstone, we have been granted an interim/emergency funding for full time programming in Winnipeg. This is, however, very different funding than we have achieved for the Carman facility. The funding for Winnipeg does not cover any of our facility costs and does not even cover all of our employment costs. With prayerful consideration the Board has decided to go ahead with the full Winnipeg facility. Our experience with the southern region has shown us that sometimes you simply have to go ahead and show the province that you are serious about meeting the needs of your clients. As well, due to our committed membership we have built up a bit of a kitty so we feel well positioned to try this tactic in Winnipeg as well.

What this does mean financially is that we will need all our supporters to fulfill their financial commitments as we do not know how long this emergency funding will continue.

We appreciate the support of everyone, whether it is in actual dollars or in time spent doing things for CCCS. If you are reviewing your year-end donations and can find any extra to donate to CCCS we would be very grateful. Any donations that you wish to have attributed to your 2015 tax year must be dated on or before December 31, 2015 and must be received by CCCS before Monday, January 11, 2016.

Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas season and many blessings in 2016! TB

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Julie Douma

Greeting brothers and sisters

It is again the time of year when we take a look back at the year that has been and can reflect on the amazing work of our God. He has brought us safely through another year and has continued to bless our work here at Cornerstone.

Hopefully you have all had an opportunity to read the press release CCCS sent out at the end of November about starting our first 24 hour care home in Winnipeg. Preparations are in full swing to get this up and running. Although we have been working with the government for quite some time, the funding we received happened a bit unexpectedly so we had to work quickly to get this set into place. We are grateful for the many people who have expressed interest in working for us.

We have enough people so that we can get started by December 1st. However, we are still looking for a few more part time and casual workers as well as some people to cover sleep shifts overnight. Resumés can be forwarded to julie@cornerstoneccs.ca. **CONTINUED...**

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CCCS ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT – Volunteers Needed

As winter is now upon us, the committee is working in earnest to get things together! Thank you to those who have volunteered! At this time we would love to hear from some male volunteers who would be interested in joining us. To recap what Winter Retreat is:

✓ WHO
✓ WHAT

Our brothers/sisters with Special Needs (VIP's) and YOU
A weekend of fellowship, fun activities, bible study, R&R, and lots of FUN and FABULOUS FOOD!

✓ WHERE
✓ WHEN
✓ WHY

Winkler Bible Camp
February 19-22, 2016
Respite for the caregivers and a weekend of fellowship for the VIP's

Requirements for a SUCCESSFUL Retreat:

Volunteers, who are 18+ years old, will be paired with one of our VIP's! This will require you to be available for the weekend, to participate in the activities, have energy for fun and laughter, enjoy good fellowship and be open to make new friends and build stronger relationships!

Cooks and Kitchen Staff

Be willing to work with a team to cook, bake and serve a menu of delectable meals and snacks!

To volunteer contact:

Rosalynn Bergsma: drbergsma@gmail.com or 204-751-0113
Dawn Vanveen: vanveen.ld@gmail.com or 204-751-0184
Karen Nobel: karen@clean4life.ca or 204-229-5359

As mentioned in our earlier press release we still have many hurdles to work through with the government to secure permanent funding for this program. We ask that you remember our efforts in this matter in your prayers as we work in the coming months to meet with government officials.



On November 23rd I had the opportunity, along with board member Karen Nobel, to receive a grant from Norwex on behalf of Cornerstone. Earlier this year we applied to Norwex for one of their community grants. We expressed our desire to set up a new residence and applied to have some of the costs associated with beginning a new home granted to us. We received \$1500 from them towards this project.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas! JD