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*"Freely you have received...  
freely give"*

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Julie Douma

*"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers." – Psalm 1:1-3*

As we see the changing seasons all around us we can reflect on the many blessings we receive from God's hand. Here at Cornerstone fall brings us back into a more structured routine. Our summer is usually filled with outdoor activities, and enjoying the sights and sounds of summer fun. It is a break from our usually busy routines.

However, with the arrival of fall we look at restarting some of our job placements and we change our activities to include more indoor opportunities. In Winnipeg we are grateful for the continued use of the Grace church building for our day program. We use this as a base for our day so that we have a place where we can relax and do some activities. With four people attending our day program our apartment is too small for all of us to comfortably work out of that space.

We are excited to finally receive our building permits for 510 Oakview and can't wait to get settled in there in the next couple of months. Our residents both had birthdays throughout the summer months and they were excited to receive so many of your cards and visits.

Of course we always say you don't have to wait for a special occasion to come for a visit because we like to be able to put on a pot of coffee and sit and visit with you anytime. The staff can be reached to arrange times at 204-771-0487.

We are grateful for your continued prayers here at Cornerstone Christian Care Society.

## OAKVIEW UPDATE

While the house still lies vacant, much has been going on behind the scenes. The renovation crew got the required building permit application process started immediately after we turned the key on 510 Oakview. Almost four months later we received the final signature and the permit is in our hands! It has been a long process and we hope that by the next newsletter we can report that the renovation is in full swing.

## DONATE ONLINE

PayPal account  
not required!



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The weather was kind to us as 100 golfers took to the course on that sunny Saturday in September in support of Cornerstone. Thank you to all the male and female golfers who participated. Thank you to the organizers and to all those who volunteered on the big day. And a big thank you to the many businesses and individuals for sponsoring this year's tournament! We do not have final numbers in yet, but it looks like it was another big success! We look forward to doing it all again next year, and on that note, save this date: September 9, 2017!

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### **PARTNERS AND PALS UPDATE**

Partners and Pals camp could be held from August 1-5 at Camp Manitou. An enjoyable time was had on trips to the Steinbach pool and Winnipeg Zoo as well as activities at the camp including crafts, canoeing, campfires, and fireworks.

This year the camp changed somewhat from the past. We hosted participants who were under the age of 21 years in response to a review of the purpose of the camp and feedback from the past years. While we struggled to find sufficient councillors for the camp this year, the enthusiasm of the councillors and participants who attended ensured the camp was a success.

We encourage you to consider assisting and volunteering for Partners and Pals in 2017. The camp requires the commitment and efforts of many and it is a rewarding experience. If you have questions about how you can help with organizing or being a councillor at the camp, please reach out to Cornerstone.

We would like to extend appreciation to Marcy Vandebos (and Len Lodder!) for leading the camp this year and the many councillors and volunteers who participated in the camp this summer. We thank the Versteeg brothers who provided the fireworks show. We would like to recognize the work of the organizing committee, Heather Veldman, Annie Dewit, Alison Versteeg, Bev Versteeg, and Theresa Bergsma who organized the many details in advance. Thank you all for your time and dedication for being part of another successful camp this year.

What a privilege that we can work together for our mutual benefit and in service to our God!

### **FROM THE TREASURER**

*Len Bergsma*

As I am preparing my first report, I am still feeling my way into this role. For the most part, I stepped onto a sailing ship and am still trying to find my way around. Thankfully everything was in good shape and things continue to move on from month to month.

We continue to be blessed with government funding which covers the major portion of our operating expenses. Though we receive much of our income from provincial funding, it is not something to take for granted. Even now, the government is looking at the way funding is determined and all indications are that they are trying to reduce the amount of funding. We need to carefully monitor our income and expenses to be sure that we stay in a sound financial position.

The purchase of a home in Winnipeg is now complete and requires extra funds to complete the renovations. We have taken out an operating loan to look after financing part of this purchase and to complete all the renovations needed to make this home ready. If you are able to help out with any donations to this project or any part of the Cornerstone budget, we would appreciate the support.

Please continue to support the work of Cornerstone in your prayers. There is much work that happens behind the scenes by many people and we give thanks for the Lord's blessings each day.