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FROM THE CHAIR

Randy Gunnink

The board took some time at their February board meeting to consider the present status of Cornerstone and to work on a five year plan. With time, our current residents grow older and their needs will change. This will affect the type of facility we will need in the future to accommodate those needs. Developing the residence at Oakview has given us greater insight into the hurdles that need to be cleared to set up and license a home in Winnipeg. This knowledge will serve us well as we move forward.

The board could also consider what new needs may arise within our congregations and when. While these are difficult time lines to nail down we can say that there are many who could benefit from Cornerstone in the future. The board encourages those who are considering this path to connect with Cornerstone sooner rather than later to start the conversation. Often it takes years to transition a new client into the care of Cornerstone. By laying the ground work and by creating a relationship with the government a crisis situation can be prevented. At the best of times this can be a highly stressful time for the families involved and with some preparation a smoother transition will occur.

With the coming of spring and then summer the board also looks forward to the the annual general meeting to held the beginning of June. There will be two vacancies to fill and the board encourages you to consider using your time and energy in this rewarding task by serving on the board of directors.

The board can also report that the Oakview renovation crew has been given the green light by the city to continue. At the time of writing much of the work has been completed. We are on schedule to be ready for final inspection by mid to end of April.

We ask that you continue to pray for the work of Cornerstone, the residents and the many employees who show such dedication to their work and make a real difference in our residents lives from day to day. There are also many volunteers that need to be acknowledged. They serve on various organizing committees. They use their talents in maintenance, repairs, renovations. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and we are grateful for their help.

FROM THE TREASURER

Len Bergsma

Cornerstone Christian Care Society's year end is on March 31. As we reflect on this past year, from a financial perspective, we are very thankful for the way the Lord has again provided. We were able to meet our expenses and continue with the day to day operations of the homes in Carman and Winnipeg. We appreciate the regular donations of many people that make this possible.

For those who wish to donate to CCCS, there are many ways to do this. Our website has options for credit card or paypal donations, as well as a form to fill out for regular monthly donations. Of course we still accept one-time or cheque donations. As we are at another year-end, you are reminded that your membership must be current in order to be able to vote at our annual meeting which will be held D.V. in June. If you are unsure if your membership is current, you can contact me at lenbergsma@gmail.com.



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PARTNERS & PALS

Partners & Pals Summer Camp is scheduled for Monday, August 7 through Friday, August 11, 2017 at Camp Manitou. The committee will be contacting past participants (and potential future participants) towards the end of March. New this year is an "Intent to Participate" form that will help the committee line up appropriate counselors for the campers.

The committee is also looking for the following adult volunteers: camp leader, head cook, and counselors. We ask you to prayerfully consider if you might be able to provide your time and energy this year. Volunteers should enjoy working with children who have special needs and will require a valid Criminal reference (vulnerable sector) check and Child abuse registry check. More details will follow as our planning progresses, but please feel free to speak to a member of the organizing committee if you are interested in joining us or would like more information. You can also contact us by e-mailing partnersandpals@gmail.com.

The Organizing Committee: Annie Dewitt (Redeemer), Stephanie Dewitt (Redeemer), Heather Shpak (Grace), Marcy Vandenbos (Carman-West), Tyson Kamminga (Cornerstone liaison).

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Cornerstone Christian Care Society would like to take a moment to thank all the players and fans that came out to support the recent hockey tournament organized by our able volunteers Phil Lodder and Garrett Veldman.

Once again it was a great weekend for all and about **\$3,700** was raised.

We are thankful to the LORD for the continued support we see from our communities.

We cannot do what we do without all of you!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Julie Douma

As winter draws to an end we begin to start to thinking of new beginnings and possibilities. At Cornerstone this is also the case. We start to think about, and plan for, more outdoor activities after the cold winter. This year we anticipate the completion of renovations at our house in Winnipeg. We especially look forward to all the extra space that this house will provide and that we don't have in our apartment at the moment. It will be nice to set up house there in the next few months.

In December we reflected as an organization on the fact that we had been running our Winnipeg residential program for a whole year and as an organization we have been operating for 7 years. How quickly time flies. We are blessed to be able to provide services for so many members of our church community and that we have the staff available to provide these supports as well. Staffing is always a constant need. We ask our church community to prayerfully consider if you might be able to assist with some of our staffing needs either in Winnipeg or in Carman. We constantly have need for relief staff members. These are people who come in to work to cover for our regularly scheduled staff and cover for vacations and sick days. Relief staff could work 2-3 shifts a week or maybe only one shift a month depending on the needs at the time so it can be quite flexible. We provide orientation and training for our staff members and teach them the programs and care required for our clients.

Our clients remain active and busy from week to week. We are involved in our local communities through volunteering and recreation. Many people ask us "What is it exactly that you do?" Our response is to think about what you do every day... we run our households just like you do. This involves daily chores, grocery shopping, making and eating meals together, working through employment or volunteer opportunities, socializing and visiting, attending church and making our house a home. Our lives here at Cornerstone are not really any different than yours!

As we plan for our move we are looking for a number of items for our new house. We need a TV stand and a TV, a coffee table that is narrow and has no glass top, a small desk or a small dresser. If you have any of these items available and can email me (julie@cornerstoneccs.ca) a picture that would be greatly appreciated. Also, we always still need your pop cans and beer cans for crushing.