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freely give"*

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## FROM THE CHAIR

*Randy Gunnink*

We have moved! After one final round of delays our two Winnipeg residents could finally move from the cramped walls of their apartment to the far more spacious house in Oakview. For those of you who didn't have the chance to visit, Oakview is situated on a quiet residential street close to a church, a daycare and a large park. Just around the corner and a couple blocks away you will find a grocery store and a YMCA. Two concrete ramps have been poured to allow for easy access into the house. Once inside a small ramp takes you up to the main floor where you will find a bright sunny living room, a spacious kitchen, three bedrooms and two wheelchair accessible bathrooms.

The board would like to thank Curtis and Wendy Raap for managing the renovation and for jockeying the project through the many licensing and building code requirements. Cornerstone has been blessed with a beautiful functional home that will be able to serve a large variety of needs for years to come.

Fenny Kuik could only live Oakview home for a very short period of time before she entered her perfect eternal home. Our condolences go out to the family in this time of mourning and adjustment. We also keep the agencies staff and management in our prayers as Fenny's death has impacted them greatly as well and she will be missed by many.

Presently Cornerstone has a home in Carman and a home in Winnipeg and is providing 24-hour care for three residents, one day program and one independent living. There are others within our church requiring care and we ask that you pray for the families, the executive director and the board as those avenues are investigated. As always we can trust in our heavenly father to open the necessary doors to allow Cornerstone to fulfill its mandate in providing care in the widest sense for those who need it.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Julie Douma*

This summer was a very busy time here at Cornerstone! There is always lots of opportunities to enjoy many outdoor activities and we work out our schedules to include some of these things. Big trips this summer included the zoo, a rodeo, the Red River EX, a car derby, boating at the forks and the Carman fair to name a few. Plus lots of time spent swimming, biking and enjoying walks through the local parks and enjoying God's beautiful creation.

The summer was especially busy in Winnipeg due to our anticipated move to 510 Oakview. After living in our apartment on Concordia for well over a year we were very excited to see the completion of renovations and get all the licensing approvals to move in. We packed the boxes and with the help of a few volunteers moved into our new house at the end of July. A big thanks to everyone who made that possible! The house works well for our needs and we have settled into a good routine there.

Of course our summer also held some sad times for us at Cornerstone. Shortly after our move to Oakview our sister in Christ, Fenny Kuik, passed away. Fenny started in our day program a few of years ago and in December of 2015 she began living in our first Winnipeg residential program.

**2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thank-you to all the sponsors and participants.

The 2017 CCCS Annual Golf Tournament was a great success!

We had a lot of teams (there's room for a few more next year!), we had an excellent meal from the Carman Golf Course, we had nice weather, and...

...we raised more money for the Cornerstone Christian Care Society than ever before:

**\$ 21,300.00 !**

A special thank-you to Wendy and Curtis for organizing everything again, Celia for keeping the finances organized, and the Vandermeulens for the sponsorship signs.

God has blessed all these efforts and Cornerstone has once again been supported!

Thank-you!

Fenny brought much joy to those around her and she is lovingly remembered by all of us here at Cornerstone. Our sincere condolences continue to go out to her family. Her presence is missed daily here at Cornerstone but we also rejoice that our sister's journey here on earth is over and she has received her heavenly reward.

The cooler weather has arrived and we need to switch our programming focus to more indoor activities. Fall is a great time to visit and we are happy if you call to schedule time to come hang out with us and play some games or enjoy a cup of coffee. We ask you to remember to drop off your pop and beer cans to our Carman house so we can crush them. This keeps us busy as long as we have enough cans to crush! Please continue to uphold our clients, staff and board in your prayers as we seek to serve our God and Saviour with our work here at Cornerstone Christian Care Society.



**PARTNERS & PALS CAMP 2017**

Ziplining, swimming, archery, and hiking; eating, singing, laughing and joking. If you stopped by Camp Manitou the week of August 7th, you would have seen the Partners & Pals campers engaged in all of those activities and more. We give thanks to God for providing us with five action-packed days of summer fun! Camp created many memories for 21 youth (partners, pals, & junior counselors) and 12 adults who worked together to ensure that everyone had fun and stayed safe. It really is amazing to watch a group of acquaintances become a family of brothers and sisters as the week progresses. Relationships are built, walls are broken down, and by the end of the week, it's easy to forget which campers came with the "disability" designation because now that you know them, you just see them as fearfully and wonderfully made. Much thanks to our leader Aren Vreugdenhil and each of the adult and junior counselors who gave some or all of their week to help out. We could not have done it without you!

