

# **THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **Labors Of Love**

As I get older, I realize just how much I can remember and yet just how much I forget! I remember taking my family to shows, sports events, and even restaurants. In all of these, we came away filled, entertained, or at least, satisfied. But the reality is that there is so much that goes on "behind the scenes" that we don't see. Much, much work goes into putting on a show, or cooking and preparing a plate full of food. There is so much that we usually just don't think about or realize.

Many friends of Cornerstone recently came together for an evening of fun, food, and entertainment. We called it our "Spring Banquet". Hundreds of folks enjoyed what seemed to be a relaxed and seamless evening and left (we hope) well fed and satisfied. The reality is, however, that there were many individuals who spent countless hours preparing all aspects of the evening so that we all could enjoy it.

As a member of the Cornerstone board of directors, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the workers who came together over the preceding months to make this year's banquet a huge success. Beyond just the banquet, I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of the many regular volunteers and the Cornerstone staff members who represent the "hands and feet" of God who, without all of their effort and support, Cornerstone could not exist.

Also, TO YOU FOLKS who are the friends and supporters of Cornerstone, we would like to give a HUGE Thank You for your continued prayers and support. We appreciate you much more than you can imagine and we strive to steward well all that you entrust to us.

Norm Smith
- Board President

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...and to all our Bronze, and Silent Auction Donors!



**Tuesday Craft Time** 

Thanks to our new volunteer Janelle Koontz we have been able to bring craft time to Cornerstone Youth Center. Every Tuesday from 5–6pm our volunteer Janelle brings us different crafts, often inspired by Pinterest, for the kids to do while they are here. This is a great opportunity for youth who may love to work with their hands, but may not have access to the supplies needed to make complicated crafts and projects.

Jenn Gibson

- Coordinator of Girl's Programs & Communications

### The Harvest is Great!

Are you looking for a fun and exciting place, where you can have an impact on the next generation for Jesus Christ? Cornerstone is the place for you! This Summer we would love to have you join our team, as we work together to share the love of Christ with youth in our community.

We need leaders Monday-Friday from 3-6pm, and Friday from 6-9pm. If those times don't suit you, we could also use help with providing meals, facility cleaning, landscaping, and more!

He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." - Matthew 9:37-38

Would you prayerfully consider Gods calling for you to be a worker in His field at Cornerstone?

Jonathan Weatherholtz
- Coordinator of Family Ministires





# Coming This Summer: EMPOWER YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

This summer, Cornerstone will be running a new 8-week Youth Leadership program called Empower. Through this program, our students will be able to engage in a series of carefully crafted workshops, activities, and mentorship opportunities focused on developing essential leadership skills, such as effective communication, teamwork, decision-making, and conflict resolution. This intensive program will be on Thursdays in June and July and be available to 20 high-school students in the Elizabethtown area by application only. If you know of a student who would benefit from this program, please contact our office at (717) 367-0000 x.1 to request an application.

By investing in the leadership potential of our youth, we aim to not only empower them as individuals, but also to create a ripple effect of positive change within our community and even the world at large!

95% of youth feel they HAVE THE SKILLS

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Jim Bush
- Executive Director



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## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

JANELLE KOONTZ

Started Volunteering: January 2024 Helped Start: Tuesday Craft Time

What brought Janelle to Cornerstone?: "I met some Cornerstone students at the dunk tank stand at the 2023 Etown Fair. They obviously loved Cornerstone and couldn't stop talking about all the great things that were offered! I knew I had to get involved."

What do you do at Cornerstone: "While at Cornerstone I spend time with students while we make a craft of some sort. And we laugh... a lot!"
Why do you give up your time to volunteer here?: "I give some of my time to Cornerstone because I sensed that God was inviting me to find a way to love people in the area that I live outside of regular church ministry. Cornerstone's values of love, community, truth and service line up with the passions and values God has instilled in me. I love the students I spend time with - they are a blessing to me!"

If you are interested in volunteering, check out our Volunteer page at CornerstoneEtown.org/volunteers/ or call the office at (717) 367-0000 ext. 1 to learn more.

#### **Volunteer Needs:**

- Kitchen Volunteers
  - Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3-6pm
- Transport Volunteers
  - Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 2:30-3pm
- Programming Volunteers
  - Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 3-6pm
- Landscaping Volunteers
  - Mowing, Trimming, and Weeding Weekly

### Contact us at:

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- www.CornerstoneEtown.org
- 95 South Wilson Avenue Elizabethtown, PA 17022

### Hours:

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 10am - 3pm Friday & Saturday by appointment



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Cornerstone's finances we would like to
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