Founded in 1983, Cornerstone’s ultimate goal is to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and general crime. Safe and stable futures are possible when we coordinate an effective crisis response, implement trauma-informed support services, mitigate the impact of violence on children and youth and confront the roots of violence.

CORNERSTONE’S MISSION
Cornerstone’s continuum of service helps to create communities where individuals and families are safe and children thrive. We advocate, educate and lead the way to social change.

CORNERSTONE’S COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS
DAY ONE®—The Minnesota Day One® Call Center connects victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and general crime to emergency safe housing and resources from over 90 agencies throughout Minnesota via phone, text or online chat messaging. www.dayoneservices.org

EMERGENCY SERVICES—A continuum of services that includes a 35 bed emergency shelter, a hotel/motel partnership, 24/7 crisis advocacy and support services, pet protection, transportation, translation and all basic needs.

PREVENTION, EDUCATION & CLINICAL SERVICES—An innovative program encompassing early childhood education, affordable mental health therapy for adults and children, support groups, parenting, services for sexually-exploited youth and school-based violence prevention that teaches youth the skills they need to negotiate and mitigate the violence in their lives.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SERVICES—Offers educational and support services for victims and their families. The program works to create long-term stability and pathways out of poverty through transitional housing, short-term subsidies for market rate units, case management at supportive housing complexes, personal empowerment, job readiness, financial literacy and matched savings accounts.

VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM—Staff provide advocacy and support in criminal, civil and family court. A partnership with local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and the courts improves the justice process and protects victims. Advocates provide support and connect victims of property crimes and crimes against persons to a range of Cornerstone’s services and administer the State of Minnesota’s Emergency Funds assistance program.
2020 SERVICE STATISTICS

- 3,913 individuals served
- 5,790 adults and 52 children received 5,790 nights of safe housing and 17,370 meals in 2020.
- 33,825 calls, text, online chats and emails were placed to Cornerstone’s Day One® Call Center last year.
- Cornerstone General Crime Victim Services Advocates provided support and resources to 570 people who experienced crimes against property and persons in 2020.
- Nearly 10,000 students participated in presentations on unhealthy/healthy relationships, bullying, anger awareness and sexual harassment in school.

CORNERSTONE’S IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY

“I enjoyed my stay at Cornerstone and the CORE transitional housing. They are the best at what they do and that is safer living environment plus education about money, credit, parenting skills, goals. Just great people from all backgrounds.” – Shelter participant

“Cornerstone has made the biggest positive life improvements for me and my family. Without Cornerstone, I would not have the support both my children and I need to succeed.” – Parent of youth participant

“What I like best about Cornerstone is that staff make me feel welcome and I now have someone who I can talk to.” – Youth participant

“Because of Cornerstone my life has become a little easier for me.” – Student participant

“I’m so grateful for the kindness. As a survivor it’s amazing to be treated kindly and with respect.” – Adult participant

GET INVOLVED – DONATE AND VOLUNTEER

Cornerstone depends on generous financial contributions and the volunteer support of community members who value the innovative programs we offer to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and general crime.

Learn more about how you can support Cornerstone’s life-changing work by calling 952.884.0376 or visiting our website, www.cornerstonemn.org.