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## What Comes to Mind

Years ago, my image of a rescue mission was what I saw in the movies; hungry, homeless men shuffling through a food line, with coat collars up against their neck, being handed an orange tray and a Styrofoam plate. They would eat alone and leave the mission to struggle through that day's activities. Perhaps that was the mission of the 1950s. The scene at one of today's missions is vastly different.

Today's Rescue Mission serves close to 150,000 meals. It uses those meals as part of a larger program of changing lives. And it's not just about helping homeless men. It's about helping homeless women. It's about helping homeless families, too.



*Executive Director Jim Castleberry*

It's interesting that women often don't come to mind when you think of a Rescue Mission, yet our ministry to women is a vital part of our outreach to the poor and hurting. From 1989 to 2005, Cornerstone Rescue Mission operated a home for homeless women on the second floor of the main Mission facility at 30 Main Street. In 2005, we opened the Women and Children's Home (WCH) at 404 Columbus Street to provide a safe, nurturing place for homeless women and their children.

One of the many struggles our WCH clients face is the loss of custody of their children. The sweetest sound we hear is when a female resident tells us, "I got my children back."

Let me encourage you to be a part of his vital ministry. Remember, homelessness knows no gender. Nor does being poor and hurting.

In His Service,

*Jim*

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Thanks to the generous spirit of many people who have reached out recently to help our ministry serve people in need, including:

- First Western Insurance and other businesses at the Gateway building collected and donated much needed school supplies for the children.
- Area gardeners have shared the delectable taste of fresh summer fruits and vegetables. A box of tomatoes, a basket of zucchini, a bag of beans and bundles of onions help us provide healthy meals for over 375 people each day.
- A local youth group donated money to help us pay for parent/teen communication classes for families served at the Cornerstone Apartments.
- A used vehicle was recently donated to our Chariots program. This car will provide desperately needed transportation for someone who is striving for self-sufficiency.
- Rapid City Regional Hospital recently donated used furniture, bedding and other household materials for our families living in the transitional housing program.

Cornerstone is truly grateful for help that comes in many forms. We appreciate everyone who graciously shares what they have so we can give to people in need!

# Sharing the Gift of Warmth

**W**ould you like to help someone in need this cold weather season?

What if helping was as simple as cleaning out your closet or dresser? For the past three years, Cornerstone has shared the gift of warmth with hundreds of people in need. The annual “Coats for Christmas” give-away depends entirely on people who donate gently used coats, gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, long underwear, blankets and back packs.

As the cold weather season draws near, you can be part of a community effort to gather and distribute warmth to someone who is less fortunate. Bring good condition used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, long underwear, socks, boots, blankets and backpacks to the Cornerstone Thrift Store, located at 401 11<sup>th</sup> Street. These items will be sorted and stored at the store in preparation for the give-away dates. We will happily receive your donations now. And remember, your donations are tax deductible.

On two Saturdays in November and December, the items we collect will be given to anyone who is



in need of warmth this winter. Last year, we desperately needed more gloves and caps of all sizes. We also needed more women’s and men’s large and extra large coats.

We need your help! If you are willing to help organize a collection drive at your church, school or business, please call our Volunteer Program at 718-8712. Volunteers are also needed to help us prepare for this important ministry to the community!

**BLOOD**  
on a  
**MISSION**

A pint of blood for a POUND of FOOD

On December 5, blood donors across the Black Hills region will have the opportunity to give two life-saving gifts to our community with a single gesture. Each time someone donates a pint of blood to United Blood Services, UBS will donate a pound of food to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

Corporate underwriter Rapid City Rush Foundation is launching this special effort—dubbed Blood on a Mission—to help restock donated blood supplies at local hospitals during the holiday season and help the Mission offset the strains of the current economic situation.

Food donations will be gladly accepted at designated drop-off points, including UBS, Cornerstone, and outside the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Ice Arena before the December 5 game against the Tulsa Oilers.

For more information on this special event, please visit [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org).

# Bird & Bison on the Way

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission will be holding its annual *Bird & Bison Banquet* Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, and we hope we can count on your support! Your donation will provide additional support for the Mission's Women and Children's Shelter in the form of food, housing and Christian counseling geared toward self-sufficiency.

The details are still being formalized, but it will be an evening of praise, fun, good food and inspiring stories about how the Mission has affected our community.

We are now asking for businesses and individuals to commit to either a \$500 or \$1,000 (or more) sponsorship for the March fund raiser. With your

\$1,000 sponsorship, your name or business name will appear on all promotional pieces, including invitations, ads, Chamber Pak and programs at the event. You will also receive a complimentary table of eight.

For a \$500 sponsorship, your name or business name will appear on the event's program, and you will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the event. While any donation is appreciated, we hope you can participate as a sponsor. Please make checks payable to Cornerstone Rescue Mission and return to PO Box 2188 Rapid City, SD 57709 Attention: Bird & Bison and add it to the memo line on your check.

Thank you!

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **\$1000 Sponsor.** Name listed on all promotional materials including invitations, fliers, ads and programs. A table of 8.

\_\_\_\_ **\$500 Sponsor.** Name listed in the event program. 2 complimentary tickets to the event.

\_\_\_\_ \$ Other amount/donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks so much for supporting the Cornerstone Rescue Mission.**

## Needs Lists

We are grateful for the support of this community throughout the year! Our current needs include:

### Cornerstone Apartments

Bar soap  
Dish soap  
Shampoo & conditioner  
Laundry soap & fabric softener  
Paper towels and toilet paper  
Toilet plungers  
Lotion

### Men's Mission

Coffee  
Sugar  
Milk (powdered and liquid)  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Deodorant  
Razors

### Women & Children's Home

Dish soap  
All-purpose cleaner  
Bleach  
Laundry soap, powdered  
Feminine hygiene products  
Hair conditioner  
Diapers sizes 3,4, &5  
Baby wipes  
Air freshener  
Night lights  
Band-Aids

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# The Grace of Giving

*But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

—2 Corinthians 8:7(NIV)

In the introduction to the movie “The Soloist,” the narrator says that sometimes sharing a smile or a kind word with someone in need may be more helpful than giving them some of your spare change. The movie portrays the life of a journalist whose path crosses with a homeless man who suffers from schizophrenia. The journalist begins this relationship looking for a story that readers will read. In the end, he learns things about himself that he had never dared to learn. He was challenged to reach out to another human being, even if the reaching out was not always easy. Two lives intersected and both men were changed.

Cornerstone employees and volunteers can relate well to the message in this movie. God created us for relationship, first with him and then with each other. He did not promise that these relationships would always be easy. In fact, the most difficult act of giving requires us to give deeply of ourselves. The challenge comes when we are required to take time to sincerely reach out to a hurting or discouraged soul. It takes patience to truly listen to their heartfelt needs. It takes courage to get involved. Relationships like these are not for the faint of heart.

Are you willing to take this kind of journey? Each one of us has something to offer. Sometimes we don't even know ourselves what it is until we trust the Lord to lead us, to connect us with someone. The only limitation is our willingness.

Call our Volunteer program at 718-8712 or send an email to [vlinn@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:vlinn@cornerstonemission.org) to learn about the multiple ways in which you can get involved.



## Dear Ones Needs List

Diapers (size 3 & 4)  
Ziploc bags (all sizes)  
Hand sanitizer  
Ear thermometer  
Vacuum  
Sand for 10 gallon table

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION**

(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)