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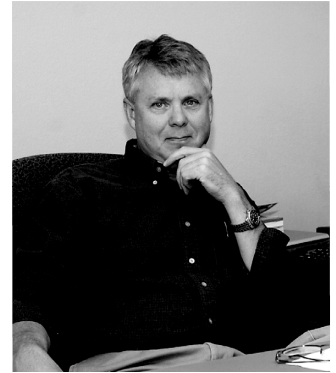
## In Tribute to a Special Servant

I want to take this opportunity to express my public appreciation for Tom Hennies' efforts to assist the homeless and disenfranchised. Tom was one of the first people I met in Rapid City. He came to see me and discuss ways he could assist in fighting the issues of poverty and homelessness in our community. Clearly Tom had a servant's heart.

Tom was the principal speaker at last year's annual Bird & Bison banquet. I told him he could have about 10 to 15 minutes; he told me he would be done in 20. He recanted the creation of the Community Care Center, Rapid City's first real effort to consolidate services for the poor and homeless in one facility, the old city hall.

I will miss Tom's calls and stopping by unannounced to discuss an idea or an issue he had. My heart and prayers along with those of a grateful community go out to his family.

I am certain he keeps a watchful eye on us all as he reaps the rewards so justly earned by one of God's true and faithful servants.



*Executive Director Jim Castleberry*

### CUTS FOR KIDS

LaMae Salon, at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main in Rapid City, wants to help parents rebound from the added expense and support Cornerstone families at the same time.

“We realize that sending kids to school can be expensive, so we’re offering reduced priced haircuts to help parents manage their budgets,” said Krista Byrne, owner of the new salon. Throughout the month of September, Byrne and fellow stylist Samantha Jackson will offer \$12 haircuts for all school-aged children, including students attending local colleges and vocational programs. They will contribute \$2 from each haircut to Cornerstone to help provide haircuts for the children we serve each day.



It is September already and the kids are back in school. Parents have endured the seemingly endless shopping for new school clothes, shoes, book bags, etc. The cost of filling those needs can be overwhelming.



To schedule a “Back to School on a Budget Haircut” call 716-4247 (716-HAIR). Walk-ins are welcome!

Don’t need a haircut, but want to make a contribution to this worthy cause? The salon will accept donations through the end of September.

# Helping by Giving

As you walk inside the front door of the Cornerstone Thrift Store, it appears to be like many other retail stores in the community. Racks are filled with clothes, shoes and accessory items of many sizes, styles and colors. Shelves neatly display a variety of items including dishes, electronics, home decor items and books. Shoppers search for bargain items that suit their needs and fit in their budgets. They often discover an unexpected treasure. The most amazing thing about the Cornerstone Thrift Store is that everything contained inside was donated by people like you!

On the surface, it looks like just a store, but the employees who work at the Cornerstone Thrift Store come to work each day knowing that it is so much more. They have a phrase that guides their day, "Look for the blessings." For they know that the Store holds an important place in this community. The main objective of their work each day is to help people... to bless someone.

Blessing someone is the fringe benefit of our work. We have all witnessed first-hand the ways that the Lord multiplies the blessings. When we bless someone, the Lord blesses us back beyond anything we could imagine.

We are blessed when we hear customers say things like, "Can you believe that this shirt only costs \$2!" For we know that people are doing everything they can to survive in this challenging economy. We experience an indescribable feeling of the Lord's presence when we have the opportunity to help a family that just found housing by giving them mattresses, bedding, towels, dishes and other items they need to create a home. We help restore a man's dignity by giving him a free shirt, pants and shoes that he can wear for a job interview. We help women from the Women and Children's Home by giving them outfits to wear

when they go to work at a new place of employment. All of these blessings are made possible when people donate to the Cornerstone Thrift Store.

We often say in our newsletter, "We could not do it without you!" This is certainly true at our Thrift Store. We cannot express enough gratitude to those of you who donate items for resale at our store. By cleaning out your closets, you help people throughout this community during these financial times. We are able to give, free of charge, needed items to people who are impacted by poverty and other difficult circumstances. And finally, the proceeds from our sales help cover the expenses of our Women and Children's Home! Your support helps us provide the lodging, meals and support they need to move toward self-sufficiency.

You have the opportunity to help share the blessings with those in need! If you have not visited our Store, please do so. We are located at 401 11<sup>th</sup> Street. If you have furniture donations, we are always in need. You can call 716-2768 to arrange a pickup of furniture donations free of charge. If you have time to volunteer, you are welcome to join us and experience some of the blessings first hand!



# Dear Ones

The little boy ran up and hugged the volunteer's knees. With a bright, beautiful smile, he exclaimed "You came back!" She smiled at him and to herself because he had done and said exactly that very same thing every day this week as she entered the child care center. She wondered if it was because these children have seen a lot for their little lives, experiencing many changes, and accustom to people coming and going in and out of their lives. Their parents' adversity affects them no matter how little they are. Growing up safe and secure is something every child deserves, but it doesn't always happen that way. Going to bed hungry or scared is not something we like to think about happening to anyone, especially a child, but it does every day in our nation and right here in our own community.

This volunteer is now going on her fourth week at the Dear Ones Child Care, the newest addition to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission family. Over the past 4 weeks she is already seeing changes in the lives of the children who come to the center. The little boy still likes to hug her knees when she comes in, but he understands now that she will come back, just



like Sarah, the Child Care Supervisor, who is there every day. Sarah shares her love of children with all of them. She is firm, fun and does a wonderful job keeping everyone on task. The children are beginning to trust their surroundings and the people

there, knowing the environment is safe, food is always there, the toys are fun, and the care givers really do "care".

We see the children excelling, the parents are able to keep appointments, go back to school, and look for jobs and permanent housing. They all are beginning to

experience the hope of new lives and a new beginning. Not only that, but these little children have taught this volunteer about love and hope and feeling needed.

1 John 5:1,2 says, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well." This is how we know that we love the children of God.

None of this would be possible without the help of volunteers and donors alike. Please think about the Dear Ones Child Care program the next time the laughter of a little child fills the air

## Needs Lists

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

### Cornerstone Apartments

Toilet plungers  
Shampoo and conditioner  
Laundry soap  
Dish soap  
Feminine hygiene products  
Hand/body lotion  
Aluminum foil

### Men's Mission

Coffee  
Sugar  
Milk (powdered and liquid)  
Eggs  
Razors  
Deodorant  
Tooth paste & brushes

### Women & Children's Home

Diapers size 4 & 5  
Enfamil formula  
Kleenex  
Conditioner  
Fabric softener sheets  
Laundry soap  
Kitchen sponges  
Coffee & creamer

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# People Helping People

Has God planted a desire in your heart to help people? Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ), Catholic Social Services, the First Presbyterian Church and Cornerstone have united in the effort to help people make positive life changes, and we have some wonderful new volunteer opportunities waiting for people like you.

Beginning on Thursday, September 10, a variety of Life INC classes will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Rapid City. People served by the Cornerstone organization, as well as people from the community at large, will participate in classes focusing on finding employment, managing money, positive parenting, successful living and youth development.

We need some great volunteers willing to commit just 1½ hours per week. Children's ministry assistants, budget and jobs mentors, and prayer partners are needed. We invite people like you, with various gifts, to help make this effort a huge success. Please call the Cornerstone Volunteer Department at 718-8712 or Love INC. at 718-5683 for more information.

## New Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in joining the Cornerstone volunteer team? We have a variety of different opportunities available. Some of our greatest needs include serving beside our kitchen staff, answering telephones, sorting donations, assisting in our child care program and driving children to school and adults to work. If you like to coordinate events, think about helping with our Coats for Christmas give-away or food drives.

We want to hear about the gifts *you* have to share that may bless this ministry in ways we haven't even thought of! If you would like to learn more, please join us at a volunteer informational meeting. You will discover more about the different parts of our ministry and discuss the possibilities of volunteering. Please call 718-8712 if you would like to attend:

### Volunteer Information Meeting

Date: Friday September 11th at Noon

Place: Cornerstone Administration Meeting Room  
401 11th St. (next to the Thrift Store)

**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!)