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*The Heartbeat of The Mission*

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## **Use Your IRA the \$mart Way**

*By helping others through a tax-free gift from Your IRA*

President Obama signed legislation extending the charitable IRA rollover for 2011. This allows individuals 70½ or older to make tax-free gifts of up to \$100,000 to qualified charitable organizations, like the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, using funds transferred directly from their IRAs. You can make a gift effective for 2011 anytime on or before Dec. 31, 2011.

### **Your Benefits**

- The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you will receive the benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
- The transfer may count against your unsatisfied required minimum distribution.
- You'll make an immediate impact on the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, allowing you to witness the benefits of your generosity.

### **How It Works:**

As a donor, you have the choice of giving cash or other assets to make a contribution, but you may have another option. The charitable IRA rollover legislation allows you to use your IRA to make a donation.

You may transfer a gift directly from your IRA on or before Dec. 31, 2011, and avoid paying income tax on the amount of that gift. You will not, however, be able to use it as a charitable deduction, making it a pure wash. The charitable IRA rollover provides an easy and convenient way to benefit the Mission without tax complications.

### **We Can Help**

Don't let this tax-wise opportunity to give today pass you by. If you have questions, need more information or would like to make a gift, please contact Jim Castleberry at (605) 718-8713 or [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org). Your tax or estate planning attorney will also be a great help to you.

### **The Basics**

Vince Lombardi once started a championship football season by telling his professional players, "Gentleman,

this is a football." Sometimes it is good to remember the basics. So in place of a longer article, this month let me remind you of the 10 best ways to support CSRM. If you think of any better ways, pass it along, and we will add to the list.

**Make a financial contribution.** Mail it in, or give online at [www.cornerstonemission.org](http://www.cornerstonemission.org). Remember we operate a men's shelter, veteran's transitional housing, women and children's shelter, daycare and apartments. Check if your employer matches charitable donations, or would like to send a team for a community service day, or would like to find out how the company can sponsor CSRM events. E-mail [jcranford@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcranford@cornerstonemission.org) to find out more.

**Donate** furniture, clothing, household items, etc. to our Thrift Store (all donations are tax deductible). 401 11th Street Rapid City, SD 57701 - (605) 716-2768. Call to arrange an at-home pick-up or learn more about dropping donations off.

**Organize** a clothing or food drive at your company, school, club, business or place of worship.

**Shop at our Thrift Store**, located at 401 11th Street between Omaha and Main Streets.

**Invite** a member of the CSRM Senior staff to speak to your club, organization, business, or place of worship. E-mail [jcranford@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcranford@cornerstonemission.org) to schedule a time.

**Tell someone you know about the Cornerstone Rescue Mission.** Help spread the word of the lives that are being impacted!

**Make an honorary or memorial gift to CSRM.**

**Include the Mission in your will.**

**Keep us in your prayers.**

# Introducing our New Chaplain

Hello, my name is Bill Garland and what a blessing to be appointed chaplain of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and its ministries. I want to tell you about myself and invite you to pray for us.

My background includes graduation from Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant Pennsylvania, four years service in the USAF. At McDonalds, my first job ever, I was taught customer service, the customer is king. They [McDonalds] had a very good influence on my life, I took the customer service attitude with me throughout my life, especially after Jesus saved my soul on February 7, 1972. After that I could add the fact that I actually loved those I was serving.

God is really blessing and teaching me in so many ways as I undertake the chaplaincy. I know that He will be faithful to give me the words to say and the right actions to take in many of the situations presented. I have heard the questions and the doubts of many. Our guests have gone through some stuff in their lives, heart breaking tragic things. As chaplain I want Jesus' light to shine in the darkness bringing hope to their hearts. God has allowed me to face some things that, I believe will help me have more empathy for them in their pain and suffering.

Since being at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission I have had the title of supervisor, needs coordinator, and case manager and most recently, this promotion to chaplain. January 1, 2011 marked 13 years of joyful service to my King at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. God has chosen to use this lump of clay to bring His love to our many and varied guest's over the years. To God be the Glory, he loves and cares for the needy of this world. And guess what? We are all needy!

*Chaplain Bill Garland*

## NEEDS LIST:

### **MEN'S MISSION**

- Corn starch
- Gravy mixes
- Biscuits
- Ketchup
- Coffee
- Olive Oil
- Sugar
- Juice/juice mixes
- Salad dressings
- Mac & cheese
- Canned fruit

### **WOMEN & CHILDREN'S HOME**

- Copy paper
- Alcohol free cough syrup
- Tylenol Cold & Flu

- Benadryl
- Sugar
- Butter
- Coffee creamer
- Laundry detergent
- Energy-efficient light bulbs

### **APARTMENTS**

- Bulk laundry & dish soap
- Quart size Ziploc bags
- Package juice boxes
- Individually wrapped crackers/granola bars
- Pillows/twin/queen sheet sets/mattress pads
- First-aid supplies
- Plastic storage binds
- Dining table & chairs
- Shower curtains, rods, & rings

### **DEAR ONES CHILD CARE**

- High chair
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Trash bags – 13 gal.
- Double-sided tape
- Standard staples
- Scotch tape refills
- P 920 ink, black and color
- Washable markers
- Batteries
- Elmer's glue
- Paint easel – child sized



## Julia's Story

*Isaiah 58: 7, 8 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. (New American Standard Updated Edition)*



So often our focus is on the homeless people who are struggling daily, but it is so important to remind ourselves and to tell others about the many blessings that God has brought to the homeless staying at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. One of these many blessings is told in this story shared by Julia\* and her children.

Julia started her story by sharing that she believes everything in life happens for a reason. She says, "You may not know why it is happening. Especially for teen mothers, that is hard, so hard, but at the end of the day it is worth it." Julia was a teen mother so she knows firsthand. Julia thinks that a hotel is no place to raise your children. She says, "There is really nothing for them. Children need a space to play; they need a kitchen, and food to eat. You cannot raise your kids on microwaveable food every day." She goes on to share that at the hotel you do not know who is sleeping in the room next to you. Julia says, "A week after we moved out of the hotel is when they found the two bodies completely burned up two rooms down from where we were staying...just imagine if we had still been there, who were they or what they could have done. It is definitely not a place anybody should want to raise their kids."



The family moved into the Mission and Julia talks openly about how the Mission has helped them and how the Mission has helped to get her to where she

needed to be as far as being self-sufficient. "My bills are paid, my kids are taken care of, they go to school, they go to the daycare, I go to work every day, I go to Life Skills classes, financial freedom...I am learning how to budget, how to get my money together and save so I can move on," she says. She adds, "Before I got here I had no hope, I did not know where I was going to be, where I was going to sleep, where my kids would be. Just to wake up every day and know that everything is going to be ok is completely awesome. My kids have completely changed, I have completely changed, and there is nothing like it in the world. There is nothing like waking up and knowing that everything you have is because of you." She says that she knows now that, and she still believes that everything happens for a reason.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission continues to help men, women and children to self-sufficiency and to accept the grace of God and His holy love with a plan for everyone no matter where they are at in life.

(\*Julia asked that we not use her real name for this story.)

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## Cornerstone Thrift Store Boutique Smashing Success

The Cornerstone Thrift Store Boutique was another favorite at the Bird and Bison Banquet this year. The Thrift Store Boutique showcases some of the more popular items featured every day at the store. Several banquet attendees were overheard to exclaim their surprise at the quality and quantity of the jewelry, household items and decorations, clothing, furniture, and everyday needs.

Jacki Miller, Cornerstone Thrift Store manager says "We make it our **MISSION** to keep everyone in style at low prices. Stop by and check out our great selection of unique items."

**Stop in on St. Patrick's Day to donate your unwanted items and receive a coupon for 50% off your purchase.** Morning shoppers can now save some green. Between 9 and 10 a.m. daily housewares are 50% off **ALL** month long.

Don't forget our Thrifters Happy Hour Monday through Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. when furniture, jewelry and accessories will be 50% off through the month of March.

Our winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Corner Stone Thrift Store is located at 401 11th Street. It's "The Thrift Store that doesn't feel like a Thrift Store".

**Thrifters' Happy Hour** (*Noon to 1 PM Monday thru Saturday*)  
50% storewide discount on furniture, jewelry and accessories thru March!

### **Military Monday**

20% discount for veterans, military personnel & families with ID

### **Tuesday Senior Discount**

20% discount on all purchases for seniors 55+ with ID

### **BOGO Wednesday**

Buy-One-Get-One on all clothing (*excluding specially marked items*)

### **Thankful Thursday**

20% storewide discount for all of our faithful customers!

### **Friday Student Discount**

20% discount on all purchases for students with ID

### **BOGO Saturday**

Buy-One-Get-One on all clothing (*excluding specially marked items*)

**April's Specials will be announced at a later date,  
make sure you don't miss them!**

**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!)