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...Because We Care*

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August 3, 2000

To: City Attorney, City of Rapid City SD
From: Church Response of Rapid City SD

**RE: REQUEST TO OPERATE A RAFFLE IN THE CITY TO BENEFIT
CHURCH RESPONSE, A NON-PROFIT CHARITY, DRAWING
TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 30, 2000.**

Church Response is an interdenominational entity doing charitable giving to low-income citizens in town. Primarily, we are a food pantry giving groceries every week to about 400 families, impacting 1,500 including dependents - that's over 1,000 kids in Rapid City benefitting from this charity every week plus their family adults. We also counsel as to the availability in Rapid City of others who have other benefits; we give toiletries and baby items including toilet paper and dental care items; we do 30-day shutoff utility notices to help them avoid losing heat and lights; and we get for them, at no cost to the recipient, driver's license and/or birth certificate for use in obtaining employment. We interview applicants, have a record system for which they must continually qualify but we help them as long as assistance is required. Church Response is important to the health of our city!

Church Response is a 501-c-3 federally approved non-profit organization.

Our current desire is to raffle a collection of autographed baseballs and other team memorabilia from major league baseball teams. No item will exceed market value of \$250.00 to our best determination. Our collection will number twenty to twenty-five items, some of which we have, some on the way and expected right away. We will initially stress the three balls we have from New York Yankee Derek Jeter, who is Most Valuable Player of All Stars 2000 in our sales approach. As the campaign goes on, we will announce other important acquisitions. We could run the raffle on Jeter alone but we will have another 20 items to sweeten the pot. Each winner to receive one item.

Drawing will be held September 30, 2000.

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Proceeds, after necessary nominal expenses, will benefit Church Response to be used for normal daily operating expenses. Since welfare reform, our needy cases have doubled, increased 100% since 1996, and we need to reach out to the community at large for extra support. We are supported to some degree by about half the churches in Rapid City, our synagogue, some businesses and individuals, but voluntary giving is sporadic and we experience extreme low spots in the bank account. Hence, the need for fundraisers such as this proposed raffle.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vel Orr", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Vel Orr
Development Consultant
Church Response