

Tamara M. Pier, Attorney  
13149 Thunderhead Falls Lane  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Dear Planning Commission Members:

This letter is in support of the Conditional Use application 14PD033 to be on hearing before the Rapid City Planning and Zoning Commission for a Cornerstone Women and Children's Home on 5th and Fox Run Drive. I serve on the Cornerstone Rescue Mission's Foundation Board and formerly was the President of WAVI. Imagine what it is like to have no safe shelter for a woman and her children. Temporary shelter is what the Cornerstone Rescue Mission addresses and works to support these unfortunate families in becoming independent.

The current facility on Columbus Street is not large enough to handle this need. There have been no neighborhood complaints regarding the current facility and we anticipate that it would be the same with the proposed facility on Fox Run Drive. Strict guidelines are provided as to who is eligible for this facility; drug, alcohol & mental health screening are all provided, so that only appropriate families are housed in this shelter. Those families not appropriate for this housing are re-directed to crisis care. There is staffing 24/7 with curfews for the residents.

This proposed use does not change the character of the neighborhood but only means new tenants at the former assisted living facility. The Cornerstone Rescue Mission has a proven track record in this community of being responsive to the needs of the homeless while doing so in partnership with community concerns. I can assure you that if the neighborhood should ever experience problems with the facility, they will be addressed appropriately by the administration of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Please vote to approve this Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

Tamara M. Pier

14PD033



**Rapid City Regional Hospital**  
PO Box 6000  
Rapid City, SD 57709

Phone (605) 755-1000

October 23, 2014

James D. Castleberry  
Women's Services  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission  
1220 East Boulevard  
Rapid City, SD 57701

James,

This letter is being written to provide the assurance that Regional Health, Inc. fully supports the concept that Cornerstone is proposing for a Women's Services Program to be placed in the southern section of Rapid City. We fully understand that this service is one that Cornerstone already has but it is not developed to the extent that this new location would provide. Thank you for educating us about the Program.

Regional Health began our knowledge of your Program goals and objectives when Cornerstone first became interested in one of our properties located at the corner of Texas and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It has been our pleasure to work with you and your team as you have considered the site.

We believe your Program is a needed service in our community, provides excellent assistance and education training, and makes us a stronger people supportive community. We look forward to working with your Program as together we serve the people of our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy Sughrue", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Timothy Sughrue  
C.O.O. Regional Health  
C.E.O, Rapid City Regional Hospital



**CITY OF RAPID CITY**  
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-2724  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035  
(605) 394-4181

October 24, 2014

To: Planning Commission Members

I am writing this letter in support of the Cornerstone Women and Children's Home Conditional Use application 14PD033 that will be before the Rapid City Planning and Zoning Commission for your consideration.

I fully support their application for the Conditional Use Permit for the property at 5<sup>th</sup> and Fox Run Drive to be used for the Women and Children's Home. Housing women and children experiencing the crisis of homelessness is identified as a high priority need in our Consolidated Plan and is seen daily with requests for shelter that exceed their capacity. This property will better serve the needs of both Cornerstone and the women and children they serve. It is located near the Dear Ones Child Care Center that serves homeless families, the bus routes, businesses that provide employment opportunities, medical facilities, and other service providers working with their residents to help them stabilize, become self-sufficient, and return to permanent housing.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has the safety of their staff, the community and their residents first and foremost in the operation of their facilities. They have, and follow, strict guidelines for eligibility and the conduct of residents. The Assistant Secretary of HUD toured all of the Mission facilities several years ago and stated it was the cleanest Mission she had ever toured. They work hard to be good, responsive neighbors in all of their facility locations.

Homelessness happens for many reasons and can happen to anyone as the housing and financial crisis of 2008 illustrated with foreclosures across all income levels, deep losses in the stock market and downsizing and closure of businesses. Too often people say "I support the Mission, but I don't want it located near me." If not here, then where? Women and children experiencing the crisis of homelessness and poverty are not a threat to our neighborhoods or community. They are just people needing a safe place to stay. Please vote to approve this Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barbara Garcia'.

Barbara Garcia  
Community Development Manager



**From:** [Lacock Fletcher](#)  
**To:** [Wolff Andrea](#)  
**Subject:** FW: WCH Support Letters  
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 2014 12:34:48 PM

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Letter in support for 14PD033.

Thanks!!!

**Fletcher Lacock, AICP**  
Planner II, Community Planning & Development Services  
City of Rapid City  
605.394-4120

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**From:** Janelle Finck [mailto:[janelle@fisklandsurveying.com](mailto:janelle@fisklandsurveying.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 31, 2014 12:10 PM  
**To:** Fisher Vicki; Lacock Fletcher  
**Subject:** FW: WCH Support Letters

**From:** James Castleberry [mailto:[jdcastleberry@msn.com](mailto:jdcastleberry@msn.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 31, 2014 10:30 AM  
**To:** [Janelle@fisklandsurveying.com](mailto:janelle@fisklandsurveying.com)  
**Subject:** Fw: WCH Support Letters

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Emily Caryn Larimer](#)  
**To:** [James Castleberry](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 31, 2014 10:24 AM  
**Subject:** Re: WCH Support Letters

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to state my support in the Cornerstone Rescue Mission's (CRM's) purchase of the property at 301 Fox Run Drive for the development of a transitional housing for women and children. As CRM has been advantageous to serving the community concerning those who find themselves homeless and has done so with eloquence and respect, I would view this purchase and endeavor an asset to the community and to the women and children to which it would serve. Specific to the location near the current Rapid City Veterans Clinic, the public transport route, the DearOnes Day Care, and RCRH community hospital, I believe the purchase and development of the property would serve all involved well.

Please consider this request to the future benefit of our community.

Sincerely,  
Emily Larimer, RN, MSN  
CRM Board Member and VA Staff Nurse  
Rapid City, SD 57702



Kevin Thom  
Sheriff

Rapid City Police Department  
Pennington County Sheriff's Office  
"Progress Through Cooperation"



Karl Jegeris  
Chief of Police

300 Kansas City St., Rapid City, SD 57701

September 25, 2014

Rapid City Planning Commission  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Cornerstone Rescue Mission's Proposed Women & Children's Transitional  
Housing Project


Dear Planning Commission:

Recently we toured the proposed facility to be used for Cornerstone Rescue Mission's transitional housing project for women and children located at 301 Fox Run Drive. Cornerstone's transitional housing is an important component of their mission and our community. This provides women and children, who find themselves in difficult or dangerous circumstances, a safe, secure environment while they rebuild their lives.

As law enforcement officials, ensuring the safety of all our citizens, especially those most vulnerable is paramount. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support Cornerstone's proposed project and ask that you give favorable consideration to their request.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best Regards,

  
Kevin Thom, Sheriff

  
Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

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October 14, 2014

To: The Rapid City Planning Commission  
From: Deb Hadcock  
Subj: Cornerstone Rescue Mission's Application for Special Use

Dear Members of the Commission.

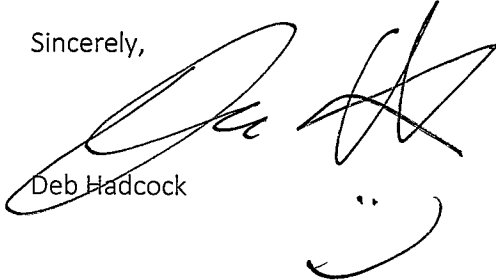
This letter is in support of the pending Use on Review (Conditional Use) application now before the Rapid City Planning and Zoning Commission. The current property has been approved by the Commission and Council for this type of Use on Review in the past. The proposed use for transitional housing is of the same nature which has been approved in the past and what the building was designed for.

I own property a block away from the current women and children's facility and also have a business around the corner. Cornerstone and its tenants have been very good neighbors and significantly improved the look of the home and outside landscaping. Cornerstone will not be transferring problems but rather adding value to the neighborhood as good responsible neighbors.

I support the use of this property for transitional housing as outlined in their application. To have existing rooms, kitchen and the much needed extra space is a prayer answered. I truly believe this is not a hand out but a hand up for people transitioning from homelessness to independent living.

Your support in this important community matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Deb Hadcock

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**From:** Susan Campo <[susanlucillecampo@yahoo.com](mailto:susanlucillecampo@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** October 10, 2014 at 1:18:21 PM MDT  
**To:** Sheela Shaw <[sshaw@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:sshaw@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Cornerstone Women and Children's Home  
**Reply-To:** Susan Campo <[susanlucillecampo@yahoo.com](mailto:susanlucillecampo@yahoo.com)>

YES, I would love to give you my recommendations ....but I have been traveling for 4 weeks ... I am now in Turkey for one more week!

You are free to copy this email....I would write more at a later time if it would be helpful:

THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOME LOCATED AT 404 COLUMBUS HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD NEIGHBOR TO HAVE RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO MY HOME. THEIR PROPERTY WAS ALWAYS WELL KEPT AND THE BEST LOOKING HOUSE ON THE BLOCK.

WHENEVER I HAD ANY CONCERNS, THE MANAGEMENT WOULD ADDRESS MY ISSUE PROMPTLY AND TO MY SATISFACTION. ALSO I ALWAYS FELT LIKE THE LADIES NEXT DOOR WERE LOOKING OUT FOR ME AND MY PROPERTY.

I HAD A VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HOME .....I WILL MISS THEM VERY MUCH WHEN THEY MOVE! Susan Campo

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**Resent-From:** <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**From:** Mike Alley <Alley@ExitRapidCity.com>  
**Date:** October 8, 2014 at 18:23:24 EDT  
**To:** <janelle@fisklandsurveying.com>  
**Cc:** <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**Subject:** Relocation of Womens and Childrens

Greetings;

As the owner of a property at 23 E Quincy Street I endorse CSRMs communication with neighborhood owners and can personally say that I saw no detrimental effects of the Apartments that were built adjacent to my property. The occupants have been good neighbors and CSRMs takes good care of that property. I support their wish to relocate Womens and Childrens Home to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Fox Run Address.

Thanks for allowing me to speak up.

Mike Alley



*Mike Alley*  
Owner/Broker



*Exit Realty the Benchmark Company*



----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jeanne Grimm

**To:** [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)

**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2014 1:38 PM

**Subject:** For the Planning Commission

To the Planning Commission:

We are neighbors of the location at 5th St. and Fox Run Dr. for which the Cornerstone Rescue Mission are requesting a special use permit to relocate their Women and Children's Home. We have viewed the facility and see no reason why it would not be an ideal solution to the necessity for better facilities for the families needing them. We can see no detriment to the neighborhood, and its proximity to the Dear Ones Daycare, with which we are familiar, is also a big plus.

We believe that approval of the permit would make business sense as an ideal use of this property, and at the same time send a positive message of Rapid City's concern for the less fortunate among us. We therefore strongly urge your approval. Thank you.

Carl and Jeanne Grimm  
255 Texas St. #418  
Rapid city, SD 57701

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**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**From:** Wes Storm <[storm10172@rushmore.com](mailto:storm10172@rushmore.com)>  
**Date:** October 12, 2014 at 14:30:11 EDT  
**To:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**Subject:** women's and children's home

Dr. Jim Castleberry,

We feel your decision to move the Women's and Children's Home to the facility at 5th and Fox Run Dr. is a great decision. The facility is a perfect fit for the women and children. You have been good neighbors where you are at now. We know you will be good neighbors at that location, too.

We strongly urge the Rapid City Planning Commission to approve this special use permit.

Wes and Gladys Storm  
3702 Morningview Dr.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

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To: Whomever it may concern

10/10/14

From: John Lassegard, MD  
433 Terracita Drive  
Rapid city, SD 57701

Subject: Letter of support for relocation of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission Women and Children's Home to the Rapid City Medical Center assisted living facility at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Fox Run drive.

I have lived with my family at the above address for nineteen years. Diagonally we are located two city blocks away from the proposed site. I understand that the current facility is residential for multiple people. That is what the proposal intends to continue. I do not understand how opposition to this proposal can be justified in good conscience. If the mission statement of the Rapid City Planning Commission is to consider what is best for the community, then I expect the better option is to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,  
JL, MD  
391-3322

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**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**From:** Pastor Don <[pstrdon@gmail.com](mailto:pstrdon@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** October 9, 2014 at 15:04:31 EDT  
**To:** [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)  
**Subject:** Cornerstone

From: Rapid City First Wesleyan Church

To: Rapid City Planning Commission

Re: Possible relocation of Cornerstone Rescue Mission's Women and children's Home

We have been a supporter of the Cornerstone family of ministries in the Rapid City Area for many years. It is always a pleasure to work with them and support their mission within Rapid City.

We would like to fully recommend they be granted permission to expand their ministry to this facility on Fox Run. This opportunity for Cornerstone to expand their ability to assist women and children in need is a great help to our community.

Thank you for considering this option for them to receive a special use permit.

Assistant Pastor Don Blain  
[pstrdon@gmail.com](mailto:pstrdon@gmail.com)  
605-484-4900

**Resent-From:** <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**From:** W B <wlb4320@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** October 14, 2014 at 14:04:18 EDT  
**To:** "jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org" <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**Subject:** new location  
**Reply-To:** W B <wlb4320@yahoo.com>

Dear Dr. Castleberry,

I am writing to support your goal of relocating the Women and Children's Home to a site on 5th Street and Fox Run. It seems the perfect answer to the growing need in our community that you meet through the Corner Stone Rescue Mission. The fact that the buildings are already up to building and fire codes is a great benefit. That 5th St. is on a main route for our public transportation is a great advantage to the population you serve. On my stops to leave donations at your current location, I know that you are good neighbors to the residents around you, with a well kept front yard, security at the door and a quiet home each time I have stopped by. I certainly hope that the Planning Commission will agree.

Sincerely,  
Stefani Braun

255 Texas F440  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
October 10, 2014

To: Rapid City Planning Commission

I am writing on behalf of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission regarding a special use permit to relocate their Women and Children's Home from its current location to 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Fox Run Drive.

I have followed the progress of Cornerstone since its very beginning. They have made great progress in helping so many of the underprivileged people of all ages to receive temporary housing and meals while enabling many to become stronger individuals with confidence to face their problems and get started in finding a way to have independent productive lives.

Yes, I am one of the many Rapid City residents who are "mission minded" and believe we are here on this earth to help others. I have worked many hours preparing a meal and serving it once a month as a church member of one of the churches taking our turn every fourth Tuesday of each month (they love our Shepherd's Pie). I am not a huge financial contributor although I am consistent, and I also take them many items I know they need. I also talk others into helping me collect items they need. I speak as one who knows and understands the needs to do the wonderful job they do.

I see no reason for them to not relocate. Although I do not own property in that area I live very close to the address where they are requesting to move the Women and Children's home. I am retired and am a resident at Westhills Village which is very close. If I still lived in my home at 2411 Fifth Street I would welcome them as neighbors.

Thank you for giving this relocation request serious consideration.

  
Arletta A. Dailey

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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES**  
510 N. CAMELL, PO BOX 2440  
RAPID CITY, SD 57709-2440  
**PHONE: 605-394-2525 or**  
**FAX: 605-394-6771**  
**WEB: [dss.sd.gov](http://dss.sd.gov)**



October 9, 2014

Dr. Jim Castleberry  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission  
PO Box 2188  
Rapid City, SD 57709

Dear Dr. Castleberry,

The Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection Services supports your plan to relocate the Women and Children's Home to this new location. It appears to be a much more adequate space and would allow you to provide better services to this population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'LuAnn Van Hunnik'.

LuAnn Van Hunnik  
Regional Manager, Child Protection Services  
Rapid City, South Dakota

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Sam Fischer  
PO Box 523  
Rapid City, SD 57709  
Phone: (605) 348-5100  
Fax: (605) 348-4316  
sefischer@outlook.com

October 14, 2014

Rapid City Planning Commission  
300 6th St.  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Re: 14PD033 - Major Amendment to a Planned Development to allow a group home for transitional housing - Fox Run Subdivision

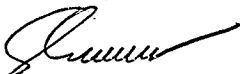
Dear Commission Members:

I am writing in support of Cornerstone Rescue Mission's above referenced application for Major Amendment. The value of the services that Cornerstone Rescue Mission (CSRM) provides to the community of Rapid City is readily apparent. These services to those less fortunate in our area include meals, shelter, veterans' services, low income housing solutions, counseling, and more.

For several years now, CSRM's separate emergency shelter facility for women and children has been a maximum capacity. The Board and staff of CSRM have endeavored over an extended period to locate a facility that will allow CSRM to meet the ever increasing needs of homeless and poor women and children. We believe 301 Fox Run Drive would help CSRM meet these needs.

The bottom line is that any project that involves topics such as services to the homeless will also bring along with it neighborhood concerns. I simply request that each Commission Member look at the facts of the Major Amendment Application, and determine if the Commission believes that the benefits of this project to the Rapid City community outweigh the concerns that are inherent in any efforts counter homelessness. I believe that Rapid City as a whole would indeed benefit from the Commission's approval.

Sincerely,



Sam Fischer  
Board President  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission

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**From:** Joleen <[robertwilson@rushmore.com](mailto:robertwilson@rushmore.com)>  
**Date:** October 13, 2014 at 00:23:00 EDT  
**To:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**Subject:** **Women and Children's home**

Dear Dr. Jim Castleberry,

Thank you for your visionary thinking to locate the Women's and Children's Home in an existing and appropriate setting. We applaud you.

In support,

Don and Doneen Grimm  
Westhills Village

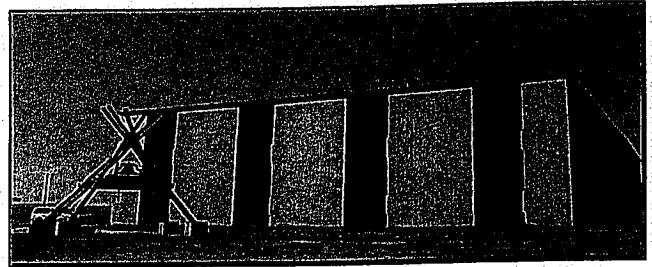
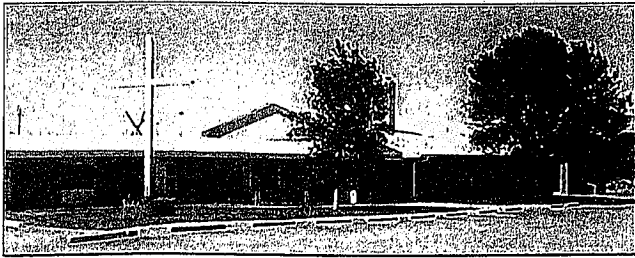
**From:** Beth Strain [<mailto:Beth@cathedralolph.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 12:46 PM  
**To:** 'janelle@fisklandsurveying.com'  
**Subject:** Letter of Support of Women and Children's Home

This letter is in response to the request from Corner Stone Rescue Mission in support for the relocation of Women and Children's Home to Fifth Street and Fox Run Drive. The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help located at 520 Cathedral Drive, has no objections to the relocation of the home. We are in support of the Mission's attempt to improve the living condition of the women and children in need. If you have any questions or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

*Beth Strain*

Parish Administrator  
520 Cathedral Dr  
Rapid City SD 57701  
605-342-0507 ext 15  
[beth@cathedralolph.org](mailto:beth@cathedralolph.org)



St. Isaac Jogues Church/Mother Butler Center  
P.O. Box 1304  
221 Knollwood Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57709  
(605) 343-2165

[stisaacs@rushmore.com](mailto:stisaacs@rushmore.com)

RC Planning Commission,

We here at St Isaacs are writing in support of The Cornerstone Rescue Mission relocating to the former assisted living facility currently owned by Rapid City Medical Center. It is our understanding that the move will help to improve the living conditions and expand the living space from the present quarters currently provided.

There is great need for shelter, food, and clothing and employment for our homeless/displaced families and individuals in our community. The Rescue Mission is our leading organization that works hard to fulfill the needs of our struggling citizens.

I feel they are respectful to their neighbors and will be very considerate as to their concerns, safety and well-being. Please consider allowing them this move.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Haschka".

Pastor David Haschka, S.J.  
St Isaac Jogues / Mother Butler Center

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**Resent-From:** <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**From:** Scott Hultgren <fccscott@rapidnet.com>  
**Date:** October 14, 2014 at 11:50:04 EDT  
**To:** Jim Castleberry <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Relocation of Women and Children's Home

To: Rapid City Planning Commission

On behalf of First Christian Church I wish to lend our support to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in their endeavor to relocate the Women and Children's Home to the 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Fox Run Dr. location. As long time supporters of the Rescue Mission and particularly the Women & Children's Home we support their decision to improve the living conditions and facilities for the families they serve.

Sincerely,



Scott Hultgren

Lead Minister  
First Christian Church  
730 Quincy Street  
Rapid City, SD

Office phone: (605) 342-5707  
Cell phone: (605) 545-1142

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Rapid City Community Planning  
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Commission

To Rapid City Planning

Gentlemen

I have been advised by the Corner Stone Rescue Mission of Rapid City of their desire to obtain a use permit from your Commission for the Property located at 5th and Fox Run Sts Rapid City. The granting of the subject permit would then allow the Cornerstone Rescue Mission to relocate the "Women and Childrens Home program to the Fox Run address.

As a contributor to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, I strongly urge your Commission to Grant and approve this subject permit so the Rescue Mission can greatly enhance their service to a very needy group in our community.

Sincerely

Robert (Bob) Grumm  
128 St Francis St  
Rapid City SD

# FOUNTAIN SPRINGS Church

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*Subject: Letter of Support for Relocation of Women and  
Children's Home*

*It is such a privilege to share our support for Cornerstone Rescue Mission. This ministry has worked tirelessly to meet men, women and children right where they are at, often in the moments of their most desperate need. Through CRM's efforts, the lives of people have been made better in countless ways, often transitioning out of homelessness and hopelessness to empowerment and opportunity.*

*We have a long-standing and close relationship with the Cornerstone Women and Children's home. We are elated to hear of the relocation of their home to a space that will enhance the ministry that is happening. We celebrate this move, not only for the Cornerstone, but for our entire city as we walk life out together!*

*Fountain Springs Church is honored to have an ongoing partnership with Cornerstone Rescue Mission. We consider them family. Through our partnership, thousands of people*

*within our church family have been informed about the life change happening through this ministry. It is our full intention to maintain consistent, dependable involvement.*

*Together WE CAN,*

*Rev. David Kinnan  
Lead Pastor  
Fountain Springs Church*

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Charles A. Lindly  
3811 Canyon Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57702

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10/16/2014

Dear Mr. Castleberry:

This is a letter of support for the proposal submitted to the Rapid City Planning Commission to relocate the Women and Children's Home.

The property being considered at 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Fox Run Dr. already has most of the necessary space and room requirements in addition to the important fire and safety codes. This will all enhance the living conditions for the families being served.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has a history of being a responsible neighbor which includes maintaining the property so it is an asset to the area and city. Cornerstone programs are competently administered and provides programs and services needed so badly.

This relocating request needs to be approved as soon as possible.

Many thanks to all involved in making this important decision.

Sincerely,  
Charles A. Lindly



**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**From:** Brian Mathis <[cbu89@rap.midco.net](mailto:cbu89@rap.midco.net)>  
**Date:** October 9, 2014 at 15:00:10 EDT  
**To:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**Subject:** relocation of women and children's home

To Jim Castleberry,

Because I have visited the Women and Children's Home on Columbus Street, I have to agree that residents are definitely in need of a larger facility with more privacy, a bigger and better kitchen as well as a larger 'family room' to accommodate social activities. Therefore I fully support the relocation of the Corner Stone Rescue Mission Women and Children's Home to 5<sup>th</sup> street and Fox Run drive because it will be a safe place for them to live and the rooms are ready to move into, which means that the costs and preparations needed to relocate there will be minimal.

Sincerely,

*Holly Mathis*

**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**From:** Les McClanahan <[lesmac@gwtc.net](mailto:lesmac@gwtc.net)>  
**Date:** October 13, 2014 at 12:10:55 EDT  
**To:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**Subject:** Women and Children's House

**This email is in regard to the above subject and is in support of proposal as contained in your October 1, 2014 letter. We have provided financial support for you organization for many year as we believe in your mission. We feel that your pro[posal has great merit and will provide a very needed facility. Lester and Wanda McClanahan**

**Resent-From:** <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**From:** Melanie Karp <ylw\_flowers65@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** October 12, 2014 at 08:31:22 EDT  
**To:** "jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org" <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Relocation of Women and Children's Home

Mr. Castleberry:

I would like to express my support of the Women and Children's Home being relocated to the property located at 5th Street and Fox Run Drive. I believe your program does so much good for this community and the families in need of your help. Moving to this location seems it would provide much needed addition space and necessary conveniences without the costly upgrades.

I hope and pray that the Rapid City Planning Commission grants the special use permit.

Your friend and supporter,

Melanie Karp

**From:** Jerry Meyer [<mailto:jmeyer2@rushmore.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2014 11:39 AM  
**To:** '[csrm@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:csrm@cornerstonemission.org)'  
**Subject:** Relocation of Women's & Children's Home

I am writing in response to the letter I received from Jim Castleberry dated 10-1-14, requesting letters or e-mails supporting the relocation of the Women & Children's Home from it's current location to 5<sup>th</sup> St. & Fox Run Dr.

I strongly support this 'relocation,' as it sounds like the Mission has been trying to serve many more women & children at the current location than it is designed to accommodate safely and with a degree of privacy for the kids and their mothers. The RC Medical Center property sounds pretty ideal to meet both the need to serve continually increasing numbers of women & children residents, comply with city codes and provide the security, safety, some degree of privacy for individual families and overall sense of community and well being.

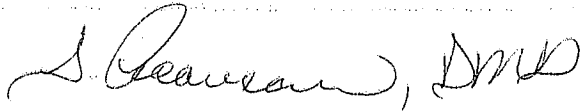
With respect, appreciation and warm regards,  
Jerry Meyer

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is being sent in support of the relocation of the Women and Children's Home. It is apparent that this is in the missions best interest, and therefore in the best interest of the individuals who are in need.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sara Reausaw, D.M.D.

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Dear Mr. Castleberry  
Re Letter of Support for Women  
and Children Home

I certainly support your effort to  
relocate your women and children  
home to the R.C. Medical Center on  
5th and Foxden Drive.

It has to be the "Highest and Best  
use" of that property.

Please convey my recommendation  
to the Planning Commission at their  
next meeting.

God bless you all for the wonderful  
work you do for our city.

Bob Yirka  
1706 City Springs Road

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**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**From:** Nancy Tschetter <[ntschetti@msn.com](mailto:ntschetti@msn.com)>  
**Date:** October 8, 2014 at 20:12:54 EDT  
**To:** "[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)" <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**Subject:** Relocation of Women's and Children's Home

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed relocation of the Corner Stone Rescue Mission's Women's and Children's Home that is coming before the Rapid City Planning Commission.

My involvement with Corner Stone Rescue Mission has been limited to financial support and other donations to their Thrift Store. Having made a brief visit to one of their facilities, I am impressed by the care, concern and outreach this organization has in the Rapid City Community.

It would be my hope that the Planning Commission will see this proposal as a very positive step in providing much needed facilities for the Corner Stone's women and children clientele. I am a firm believer in supporting any proposal that will strengthen families and lead to eventual positive outcomes for these clients.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Nancy Tschetter  
22907 Flume Lane  
Rapid City, SD 57702

**From:** Rita She [<mailto:rsherr50@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 11, 2014 9:54 AM  
**To:** [janelle@fisklandsurveying.com](mailto:janelle@fisklandsurveying.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Womens and Childrens new site

Hi Janelle,

My name is Rita and I am writing in regards to the new site proposed for the Women and Childrens shelter. I support the move.

And am so happy to hear that it will be a bigger place. I will be gone for the winter. But would love to help in any way I can when I return in April or May. Thank you Rita Sherrill 1220 Range View Circle Rapid City S.D. 57701 email is [rsherr50@yahoo.com](mailto:rsherr50@yahoo.com)



----- Original Message -----

**From:** Grove Rathbun

**To:** [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)

**Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2014 2:20 PM

**Subject:** Relocation

Dr. Castleberry,

The relocation makes sense to us. We are not in the local neighbor so we have no conflicts with the location.

We hope it is approve.

Grove & Jan Rathbun

**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>  
**From:** "hankjoyce@netzero.net" <[hankjoyce@netzero.net](mailto:hankjoyce@netzero.net)>  
**Date:** October 8, 2014 at 18:35:51 EDT  
**To:** [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)  
**Subject:** Relocation of Women's and Children's Home

I support the relocation of the Women's and Children's Home. The Corner Stone Rescue Mission is a valuable regional asset; its impact extends even beyond Rapid City. I live in Custer and know it has a wide reach. As a supporter of the Mission, I believe this move will improve its ability to serve its client base. The Mission has proven itself both a good neighbor and a major asset to the community. I encourage the Planning Commission to grant the special use permit to let the Mission continue to improve its service.

Henry Whitney  
1209 Bluebell Lane  
Custer SD 57730  
Phone 443-799-0045

Jim:

I was contacted this morning by Helen Wrede and she would like to express her support for the relocation of the Cornerstone Transitional Housing for women and children to the Fox Run Drive property. It is difficult for her to write and so she asked that I forward her comment.

Helen Wrede  
931 Fox Run Drive – Apt 103  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**Janelle Finck**  
*President*  
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*1022 Main Street,*  
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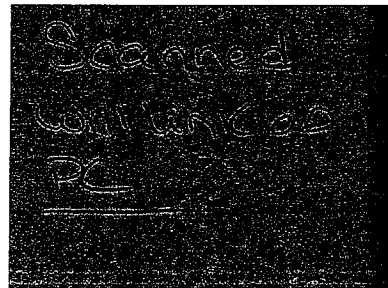
PO Box 172  
Piedmont, SD 57769-0172  
(605) 787-4451

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for your consideration on a new location for the Women and Children's Home in Rapid City. I have been involved as a volunteer and now board member at the CSRM for 19 years – and as such – I am in agreement that a better situation/space has to be made for the homeless women and children of our community. The location you are considering is (zoning) – will be - a great improvement. Our Executive Director Jim Castleberry, our staff and entire board are behind this and are more than willing to help answer any questions you may have to make the best decision. Again thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron McLaughlin'.

Ron McLaughlin  
Pastor  
Hills View Evangelical Free  
605.390.6519  
mac5\_2jc@hotmail.com



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527 Quincy Street  
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(605) 341-3292  
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wavi@wavi.org



October 17th, 2014

Dear Planning Commission,

This letter is to express the sincere support of Working Against Violence Inc., for the proposed relocation of the Cornerstone Women's and Children's Home under consideration. The important work of Cornerstone cannot be overstated, and their impact on our community is vital to the health and quality of life of Rapid City.

When Working Against Violence, Inc., moved into our current facility in 2004, Cornerstone opened the Women's and Children's shelter inside our former facility at 404 Columbus Street. WAVI decision to build a new facility was due in large part to the size and age of the building; these challenges remain for Cornerstone at this location. There has always been, and unfortunately will likely always be, a high demand for shelter services in our community, despite the hard work of many agencies. The proposed new location of the Women's and Children's shelter will greatly enhance Cornerstone's ability to make a lasting impact on homelessness and comprehensive support services for their clients. In addition, it will impact the many agencies with which Cornerstone partners, including WAVI, to best meet the needs of our most vulnerable populations.

Cornerstone has a proven track record of working well with community members and addressing concerns in an honest, ethical, and caring manner. I strongly urge the Rapid City Planning Commission to approve this request so that Cornerstone may continue to provide vital services to those in need in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support.

Sincerely,

Mary Corbine  
Executive Director

Jim Cratlbery - 10-14-14

We reside at 101 E. Liberty St.  
and have seen the 7th Run building  
change hands several times after it  
was built. (about 3 blocks away)

My husband & I are in full  
support of the Womens shelter  
taking over that property and  
look forward to this project  
being fulfilled

David & Jean Watkins

October 13, 2014

Dr. Jim Castleberry  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission

Dear Dr. Castleberry,

I appreciate the advantages  
of moving the women and children's  
home to the location at 5<sup>th</sup>  
St. and Fox Run Drive.

Your proposal has my  
support.

Sincerely,

Orin Stradmyer

255 Texas St., Apt. 5210

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**M.G. OIL COMPANY**

**1002 West Main**

**P.O. Box 1006**

**Rapid City, SD 57709**

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**"FOR ALL YOUR PETROLEUM NEEDS"**

Dear Planning Commission:

Please find this letter in support of the Corner Stone Mission for the relocation of the Woman and Children's Home.

M.G. Oil Company fully supports this opportunity for the Corner Stone Mission to further support the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Kulish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dave Kulish  
General Manager



The Cornerstone Rescue Mission  
 is in great need for a bigger  
 & better home for women &  
 children. I would appreciate  
 to the home on Columbus St. &  
 see the need for a different  
 home.  
 Thanks you!

Ron Van Buren  
 2414 Horney Dr.  
 Rapid City SD 57702

Oct. 13 2014

Dr. Jim Castleberry  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission

This is a letter of support for the  
relocation of Women's & Children's  
Home.


I agree that more space is needed  
for this facility and your proposal  
is a good one. It will ensure the  
continued service to those in need.

Sincerely,


Jean L. Jantz

4007 West Main St.

Rapid City, SD 57702



A Note From  
Ms. Karon Bauman



Dear Corner Stone  
Rescue Mission.

I know of these  
assisted living facilities  
and I feel these homes  
would be a great place  
for these women and  
children in need of a  
safe home and a way  
to start a new life.

I totally support this  
proposed step for them.

Thank you, Karon  
Bauman



October 15, 2014

To: Rapid City Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am a member of the community who has donated time and done fund raisers for the Women and Children's Home and I believe they do a wonderful job of giving women and children in our community a safe place to transition into the life of the community. It is well run and well kept and maintained. Rules are followed.

I would be very disappointed if you deny the Women and Children's Home a chance for a better facility. They are not going to be a problem to the neighborhood. They will be good neighbors and the women and children will appreciate the larger and newer facility. The present home does not have space for recreation indoors nor does it have a kitchen large enough to serve the residents.

Hoping for your support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helynn Bode".

Helynn Bode  
22859 Wildflower Lane  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Gordon & Georgia Lease  
#325  
618 Sheridan Lake Rd.  
Rapid City, SD 57702-2486

To: Dr. Jim Castleberry  
40 Cornerstone Rescue Mission  
Rapid City, SD 57709

Oct 8, 2014

Dear Dr. Castleberry;

I have learned of your efforts to obtain a special use permit for the Women and Children's Home. The permit would enable the facility to be located at 5th Street and Fox Run Drive in Rapid City.

My wife and I strongly support this proposal and the request for a special use permit.

Sincerely,

Gordon B. Lease  
Georgia M. Lease

October 17, 2014

Dr. Jim Castleberry  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission  
P.O. Box 2188  
Rapid City, SD 57709

Dr. Castleberry,

My wife Hefina and I have proudly supported the Cornerstone Mission for many years. We believe that the Mission is a shining example of local people helping those in need.

These are tough times and many families and individuals are in desperate need of help. Relocating the Women and Children's Home to the Rapid City Medical Center property located at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Fox Run Drive would bring huge benefits and to those folks who need the help and support of our community.

Granting a use permit would also benefit the Rapid City Medical center by having the property maintained to the high standards of the Cornerstone Mission.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our great city to show it's support for and to enhance the outstanding work being done by the Cornerstone Mission and it's staff.

We strongly encourage the Rapid City Planning Commission to issue a special use permit for use of the Rapid City Medical Center's property .

Ted and Hefina Ayers  
8415 Heather Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57702

October 19, 2014

Dr. James D. Castleberry  
Cornerstone Rescue Mission  
PO Box 2188  
Rapid City, SD 57709-2188

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Jim:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed new Women & Children's Home on Fox Run Drive. As a former employee of Cornerstone Rescue Mission, I can testify first hand for the great need for this facility. The current facility is overcrowded and outdated. It has served its residents well, but the continued need has made a larger facility a necessity.

The new facility is in a prime location for many reasons. It is close to the hospital/medical clinics for health care, close to the Cornerstone Dear One's Day Care for the children, close to many jobs on Mount Rushmore Road and downtown area, and right next door to the VA Community-Based Outreach Clinic. Homeless female veterans are an integral part of the programming offered by the Cornerstone Women & Children's Home, and having them right next to the VA for continued medical/mental health/social services would be vital for the female veterans. Additionally, the larger rooms, commons area and kitchen are necessary for this clientele. There is very little, if any, crime associated with the clients of the Women & children's Home. Neighborhood safety would not be compromised and the building would be kept up nicely. Cornerstone has a strong history of being a caring and concerned neighbor.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission has been a great community partner to the city of Rapid City. It has taken care of some of Rapid City's most vulnerable clients for over 30 years, all while asking very little of the City. This would give them a better place to live and access to more community resources than their current location. Cornerstone provides excellent case management and assists them with their basic needs while preparing them to move out on their own. This new facility would enable them to improve their living condition while preparing for self-sufficiency. I have no hesitations in recommending the proposed facility to become the new Cornerstone Women & Children's Home. It would be a benefit for the Mission, its vulnerable clients and for the city of Rapid City.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Allison  
4002 W. St. Louis St.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

**Resent-From:** <[jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)>

**From:** Ed Phyllis <[rapidhubins@gmail.com](mailto:rapidhubins@gmail.com)>

**Date:** October 19, 2014 at 23:10:20 EDT

**To:** [jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org](mailto:jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org)

**Subject:** Letter of Support for Relocation of Women and Children's Home

We fully support a request of Cornerstone Rescue Mission to the Rapid City Planning Commission for a special use permit to relocate their Women and Children's Home to property currently owned by the Rapid City Medical Center at 5th and Fox Run Drive.

We understand that this property formerly was an assisted living facility so separate rooms already are there and fire and safety codes already have been met.

We also understand that the new location will improve significantly the living condition for the families served by the Mission, providing larger rooms, more privacy, an internal recreational space, and a much larger and better equipped kitchen. It also will be located closer to the Mission's Dear Ones Daycare.

As to the neighborhood, we believe the Mission has a great track record of improving property and being concerned and caring neighbors.

Please give favorable support to the Mission's request.

Sincerely,

Ed & Phyllis Hubin  
2493 Broadmoor Court  
Rapid City, SD 57702  
Tel: 342-2313



**Resent-From:** <jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org>  
**From:** Sandi Martin <hambonesm@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** October 17, 2014 at 11:51:05 EDT  
**To:** jcastleberry@cornerstonemission.org  
**Subject:** letter of support

to whom it may concern:

I am in support of the special use permit being approved for the Cornerstone women and childrens home being relocated to the site of the Rapid city Medical Center on 5th and Fox Run. I believe it would be a perfect use for the assisted living facility as it already has much of what is needed and would be a blessing to all concerned in our City and the care of our people.

Thank You,  
Sandi K.Martin  
2818 S.Valley Dr.  
Rapid City,S.D. 57703

**From:** Peggy B. Palmer [<mailto:peggypalmer@bhosc.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 3:55 PM  
**To:** [janelle@fisklandsurveying.com](mailto:janelle@fisklandsurveying.com)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I just wanted to add a letter of support for approval of the Women and Children's Home to the Fox Run Drive location. What a nice safe neighborhood and a great building for this purpose.

Thank you,  
Peggy Palmer

10/13/14

3404 S 11th Ave  
Spokane, WA 99203

Dear Dr. Jim Casaberry

That Corner Stone Mission  
is in need to relocate their  
Women's + children's Home

This would greatly improve  
the care ~~some~~ people <sup>they</sup> ~~get~~

serve. Please pass the

spec' al us

permit

or any

Debbie Jennings



From: Darold Frasch  
1013 Church Ave.  
Gregory, S.D. 57533

To: Jim Castleberry

In support of Moving Women and Childrens Home  
before Rapid City Planning Commission.

Points I would like to make

1. Building has rooms & Fire and Safety codes  
have been met. Saving Money

2. I know the Mission is a non Profit,  
any savings are needed.

3. It seems to me that the Corner  
stone Rescue Mission does not tell people  
in need what to do, but helps them  
do what is right to improve there life.

4. outside of my church and local needs  
the Cornerstone is My only donation.

Darold Frasch

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1001 E. Philadelphia St.  
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To: The Rapid City Planning Commission

October 30, 2014

We would like to take this opportunity to write a letter in support of the relocation of Cornerstone Rescue Mission's Women and Children's Home to the location at 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Fox Run Drive. This program is a vital part of our community fabric. Their work is inspiring and represents our community at its best, caring for those women and children who come from homelessness.

The newer building will provide needed space for children to play, families to have privacy and the added security of a nice neighborhood.

Your support of this special use permit is a testament to the very integrity of our community and acknowledgement of a program that is well run and an established community partner.

Respectfully Yours,

Pastors Brent & Tani Parker

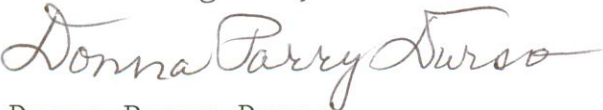
7190 Manchester Street  
Summerset, South Dakota 57718  
October 17, 2014

Dr. Jim Castleberry  
Corner Stone Rescue Mission  
P.O. Box 2188  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709

Dear Dr. Castleberry:

I am excited to write to support the relocation the Women and Childrens Home. The location at 5th Street and Fox Run Drive sounds ideal. The fact that it meets fire and safety codes, as well as, being closer Dear Ones Daycare make the location excellent. Dr. Castleberry has partnered with Veteran's Administration to build the homeless veteran's dormitory and partnered with the community to build the apartments. The properties Corner Stone Rescue Mission has developed in collaboration with others are well maintained and rules for residency at each facility make them neighbor-friendly. I have supported Corner Stone Rescue Mission for the past seven years since I worked at the Mission as the medical practitioner providing care for the veterans that resided there. I found the Mission staff to be caring, kind, and supportive of every individual that came there. As a medical provider, as I read how the new location will provide more privacy, larger rooms, recreational space, and so forth, I believe this facility will have beneficial effect on individual self esteem, productivity in society, and foster personal growth for the residents fortunate enough to live in this home at the new location. I am totally supportive of the relocation of the Women and Children's Home to 5th Street and Fox Run Drive and hope the special use permit will be approved by the Rapid City Planning Commission.

Warmest Regards,



Donna Parry Durso