

God's Love Ministries

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Letter of Support

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For: Unified Development Ordinances
Article 4- Use Regulations
14-404 Group Living Facilities

We at God's Love Ministries and The Unity Center of Independence own and operate two facilities within the city. Both facilities are located within walking distance of public transportation. We currently offer multiple services to the community for anyone having a need or who may have fallen on hard time. All our services are free and strictly done by volunteering of time and resources. We also have security on site for the safety of our volunteers and people obtaining services. This gives us the ability to offer a variety of service which include Health Clinics, Counselors, Nutritionist, Mentoring, clothing, food pantry, hygiene products, showers, laundry room, job training, and many other services as well. We work alongside multiple different ministries in Unity providing a common platform to help the needs of the community. Homelessness is not a new thing in our city it is an issue that we have been dealing with for year and it has progressively gotten worse. This new UDO (Article 4: 14-404) gives us an opportunity to help those who have been displaced or struggling with life issues find a place to make a change. A place where men and women can come into a structured environment to rebuild their lives. Providing services from within our ministries and communities to help get them back on track. We get to the heart of every issues.

A shelter is just a start to the solution of the homeless pandemic that we see in our city. But it's a start in the right direction. With the multiple resources we have at our disposal it gives us the ability for a Life Transformation Center. Bringing someone off the streets for night is good but the solution is to give them the life skills they need to be successful in the community. We have an opportunity with the new law that passed in January to help the ones that truly desire change. To finally make an impact in our community for good that will keep our city thriving for years to come.

We believe this will offer greater opportunities to different ministries and organization that already do great work within the community that have helped pave the way to where are today. Greater things are coming, together we are better.

Thank you,

Pastor Billy and Cheri Tharp