

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

In the matter of support:

St. Joseph Missions, Women's Shelter


On behalf of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne & Allen Co., I write to strongly support the conceptual plans being made by the St. Joseph Missions to provide an emergency shelter for women in our community. Allen County has a dire need for a women's shelter, specifically for unaccompanied females without addictions. There is a definite gap of this kind of shelter care in our community, and this would complement the other shelter facilities as a welcomed asset in the continuum of care.

Reviewing their business plan, they will provide emergency shelter and transitional services with a wide variety of structured components and services. Each participant will receive a verity of wholistic life skill classes from the basic financial checkbook, to health and wellness, mentoring, coaching, spiritual care and adaptive reasoning skills. This will greatly assist the clients as they get them reintegrated into a healthy lifestyle as productive citizens.

I foresee that Associated Churches will have a close working relationship with St. Joseph Missions where we could assist in providing food or hygiene products on occasion. In return the ladies could volunteer hours to help with all kinds of projects that benefit the community. We will continue to support this vital ministry as it helps both participants and community grow together.

St. Joseph Missions will provide a truly unique service to our community. They will provid quality care for ladies who are seeking a new beginning in their lives and we are proud to support them in their overall efforts to transform lives.

Sincerely,



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