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March 27, 2008

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Dear Sheila:

With reference to your letter of April 18, 2007, this is to submit the annual report required as a condition of the Special Use Permit approved by the City Commission on April 17, 2007 for the Lawrence Community Shelter.

As attachments to this letter, you will find the requested

- Log of police calls (with type of call noted)
- Log of LCS guests who obtained jobs and housing
- Numbers of guests who utilized the day and nighttime services
- Update on the on-going communication with the surrounding neighborhood and addressing concerns of the neighbors

Very truly yours,

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Director

Enclosures



Attachment 1

Police Call Logs separated by type

Police calls -- 11 log sheets, 145 calls

Ambulance/health calls -- 3 log sheets, 60 calls

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Attachment 2

Log of LCS guests who obtained jobs and housing --

1 summary sheet with monthly and annual totals

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Attachment 3

Numbers of guests who utilize the day and nighttime services

- * Day time Drop-In Center and Case Management Services -- 576 separate individuals; about 50 persons a day
- * Night time sleeping space --
 - 31 persons per night; often 14-15 persons turned away nightly

Update on the ongoing communication with the surrounding neighborhood and addressing the concerns of neighbors -- 2007 and first quarter of 2008

- Obtained 49 signees on Good Neighbor Agreement (attached)
- Distributed information/help/contact card to168 downtown businesses (bright green card attached)
- Held two annual public meetings and issued semi-annual and annual activities reports to the public (attached) as stated in the Good Neighbor Agreement
- Co-hosted annual block party with Oread Neighborhood Association (newspaper article attached)
- Met with and gave tour of the Lawrence Community Shelter to the Downtown Lawrence, Inc. staff person
- Met with the new president of Downtown Lawrence, Inc. (2008)
- Two meetings with officers of East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
- General meeting with membership of East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (2008)
- General meeting with membership of Brook Creek Neighborhood Association (2008)
- Meeting with Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (2008)
- Published reports from the Shelter in the Oread Neighborhood Association newsletter (samples attached)
- Shelter guests and volunteers conducted several neighborhood clean-up tours
- Established working security agreements with churches neighboring Lawrence Community Shelter -- First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church (agreement attached)

MAIN

GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAWRENCE COMMUNITY SHELTER, INC. (LCS) AND ITS NEIGHBORS

MARCH 2007

The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. (LCS), renting property at 214 West 10th/944 Kentucky Streets, is a non-profit organization that provides safe shelter, comprehensive support services, and programs that provide a path to a positive future for people experiencing homelessness and people who are at risk of homelessness in Lawrence, Kansas.

The neighbors of the LCS include residents of the Oread Neighborhood, and other renters, businesses, and owners within a reasonable distance of LCS.

All parties to this Good Neighbor Agreement share a common desire to:

- > Maintain a peaceful, safe, and clean neighborhood
- > Share open and honest communications
- > Help each other address concerns and solve problems
- > Offer public service for the benefit of the neighborhood, the homeless community, and the Lawrence community at large.

This document is a road map to further communications, it is not a final document and is not a specific list of management decisions. In order to accomplish the Good Neighbor Agreement goals, the parties to the agreement are united in support of the commitments described below:

1. Property

LCS has a responsibility to keep its property well-maintained. It is desirable for LCS, property owners, and residents to show pride in the community by caring for public spaces, and by assisting in maintaining and improving the landscape. In order to maintain property at the highest possible condition,

The LCS will:

- A. Intervene to maintain civilized behavior from all persons on LCS property, including drunkenness, fighting, and inappropriate congregating, sitting, or lying down on LCS property
- B. Insure that bicycles are parked at the LCS bicycle rack
- C. Prevent animals from staying on the LCS property and being tied to trees or porches
- D. Remove litter and other contributions to blight from LCS property
- E. Prohibit extended parking of seldom used or broken-down vehicles on LCS property
- F. Conduct monthly LCS neighborhood clean-up tours
- G. Encourage guests of LCS to use the rear patio as much as possible

The neighbors will:

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- A. Make note of the condition of the building and grounds, and report to the LCS when property issues require attention
- B. Help develop and participate in volunteer activities to maintain the attractive neighborhood

2. Safety

Safety and security are essential for citizens to live peacefully and free from harm, and for neighborhoods to remain desirable and attractive. Property owners and residents share the responsibility of creating and maintaining a safe and secure neighborhood. In order to promote safety and security for all residents of the neighborhood, including guests of the shelter,

The LCS will:

- A. Maintain communications with the Community Cooperation Committee, city officials, and neighbors concerning security measures on LCS property
- B. Maintain existing LCS procedures for deterring harmful situations and respond promptly and firmly with in-house consequences
- C. Notify police when disruptive or illegal behavior occurs on LCS property
- D. Ensure that trespassing on neighbors' property by LCS guests is posted as not acceptable and is handled within the Actions and Consequences procedures of the LCS
- E. Maintain the policy of "no intoxication on LCS property during the day time"
- F. Respond in person to calls from neighbors when neighbors witness someone who they believe to be a shelter guest engaging in negative behaviors

The neighbors will:

- A. Provide comments and suggestions for improving safety and other conditions at the LCS.
- B. Review semi-annual summary reports of neighbor complaints to LCS
- C. Disseminate the LCS quarterly reports through the Oread Neighborhood Association (ONA) and the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN)

3. Communications

Communication between the LCS and the neighboring community is important to develop and to maintain positive relationships. Progress reports help make the community aware of positive developments and efforts to achieve success. Awareness of upcoming events offers the community ways to interact with residents and staff, and helps both parties become more integrated. Methods will be established to ensure routine communications, feedback, and monitoring of this agreement. In order to promote communication between the program and the neighborhood,

The LCS will:

- A. Ensure the anonymity, if requested, of communications from neighbors
- B. Support efforts of the Community Cooperation Committee to develop community-wide plans for dealing with concerns off LCS property
- C. Provide quarterly reports of LCS program activities, and outcomes and responses to neighborhood concerns to the Oread Neighborhood Association and Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods for further dissemination
- D. Hold semi-annual public meetings for the community at large to review the Good Neighbor Agreement and other LCS reports
- E. Publicize contact information through cards distributed to neighbors, through ONA and LAN newsletters, and through Downtown Lawrence, Inc.'s electronic mailing list, to register comments and concerns with the LCS Director
- Respond promptly to neighbors concerns regarding use of and activities on LCS property
- G. Provide follow-up response to neighbor involved with reported problem on action taken
- H. Document and report positive outcomes of neighborhood meetings and concerns
- I. Provide notice of upcoming events and invite the community when appropriate
- J. Encourage use of the word "neighbor" to refer to LCS guests as well as residents of homes near LCS. All people at LCS are to be considered responsible neighbors.
- K. Provide incident reports and outcomes to the Community Cooperation Committee for semiannual review

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The neighbors will:

- A. Encourage community attendance at events
- B. Meet with the LCS at semi-annual gatherings
- C. Monitor progress and commitments within this agreement and offer suggestions and advice
- D. Serve as a vehicle for communications
- E. Notify LCS of repeated issues
- F. Seek resolution of community concerns
- G. Encourage neighbor and community volunteerism at LCS

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4. Changes to Agreement

This agreement may be changed or modified from time to time upon mutual agreement of the LCS and a public process with its neighbors. The Good Neighbor Agreement is always a work in progress.

How to contact LCS director and staff:

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Email - loring@lawrenceshelter.org

Mail – 214 West 10th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

Telephone - 785-832-8864 (day) 832-0040 (night) 764-2095 (cell)

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- F. Seek resolution of community concerns
- G. Encourage neighbor and community volunteerism at LCS

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for Lawrence businesses and neighborhoods

If you have questions about people experiencing homelessness in Lawrence, in the central business district, neighborhoods, or elsewhere

CALL the Lawrence Community Shelter:

Loring Henderson, LCS Director, or the LCS on-duty staff monitor

DAY - 832-8864 NIGHT - 832-0040 or - 764-2095

or in an emergency, contact the POLICE:

Emergency - 911

Dispatch - 832-7509

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Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. (LCS)

ACTIVITIES REPORT January – June 2007

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Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats -- first six months of 2007

- Receipts from donations, first six months \$1,700.00
- 4 biscuits in a bag @ \$1.00 per bag = 6,800 biscuits prepared and distributed
- 11 homeless/low income individuals employed part time over the past six months
- · Marketing logo developed
- 7 sites for distribution established Lawrence Farmers' Market, Community Mercantile Cooperative, Pawsh Wash Pet Store, two veterinarians' clinics, St. John's and Corpus Christi Catholic Churches, Arts and Crafts Festival and other fairs
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Doggie treats help the homeless

By Jane Graves Special to The Leaven

LAWRENCE - The dogs at the Lawrence Farmers' Market know a good thing when they smell it. Robin Larsen, who staffs the Good Dog! dog biscuit booth, hands out free samples to any dog that wants one and they all want one.

Which is the whole point. The homemade dog biscuits, along with hand-painted garden and welcome rocks, are sold as part of the Joseph Project, an in-house job program funded by the National Catholic Campaign for Human Development and sponsored by the Lawrence Community Shelter. It is designed to benefit the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

"The goal, besides helping them to gain a job so that they can gain housing, is definitely to give them a sense of purpose, a sense of selfworth, to build their self-esteem," said Mary Easterday, board member of the Lawrence Community Shelter and a Corpus Christi parishioner. "Because of their experiences in life that led to homelessness, they have to start all over again building their sense of self-worth."

Dianne Morgan, project coordinator for the Joseph Project, agreed that the sense of accomplishment created by the project is just as important as the work itself.

"The enthusiasm to go to work is just unreal. Almost nobody can wait until Tuesday mornings and Thursday mornings when we bake and Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings when we go sell," she said. "I get questions all the time like, 'How much did we make today?' It's pretty remarkable."

In the year and a half since the program's inception, at least 40 guests of the community shelter have been employed part time by the Joseph Project. Several have even been able to use the project as a reference for housing, and even more have been able to use it as a reference for a job, Easterday said.

Others at the Lawrence Community Shelter also benefit from observing or helping in unpaid ways with the Joseph Project, she added. Funding by the NCCHD has made it possible to pay the workers, and it also provides optimism that further progress with the business can be made, Morgan said.

"It just gave us hope that we would be able to afford to do what we wanted to do, which is give people a job that is meaningful and helps them find permanent employment, that gives them a sense of responsibility, self-worth.

"And all of those things have happened," she exclaimed. "It was miraculous."

Morgan said they're trying to find ways to expand the business and hope to eventually find someone to help them develop a Web site, a logo, and an advertising campaign.

"We want to pay our way," she said. "We want to pay rent at the church that gives us the kitchen. They charge us a real nominal amount - it's \$5 a day - so we're definitely able to write that check every month, which makes us feel really good. Of course, writing the pay checks every month is just fabulous."

Good Dog! homemade dog biscuits come in six flavors: cheeseburger, bacon and sage, and chicken and cheese; and the all-natural varieties:

peanut butter and honey, cinnamon and honey, and natural chicken. There are no preservatives, no sugar and no added coloring or artificial

The suggested donation is \$1 for a package of four biscuits and \$10 for the hand-painted welcome and garden rocks.



Leaven photo by Jane Graves

Dianne Morgan, project coordinator for the Joseph Proj Lawrence, hands a homemade dog biscuit to Corkie, he Chahine. The biscuits, along with hand-painted welcor rocks, are sold each Saturday morning and Wednesday Lawrence Farmers 'Market to benefit the homeless.

Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS)

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- Daily living services (laundry, mail, storage, phone) provided to nearly 50 people daily
- 31 sleeping spaces provided every night of the year
- 100+ volunteers for the day and night shelters
- Continued funding support received from wide Lawrence community

COLLABORATIONS

Community Commission on Homelessness

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Coalition for Homeless Concerns

"Change of Heart" street newspaper

Housing Practitioners' Panel

Interfaith Initiative

30+ faith groups and LINK

Seabury Academy

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United Way of Douglas County and Roger Hill Volunteer Center

The Salvation Army, ECKAN, WTCS, First Step House, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, DCCCA, and multiple other service providers

GOING FORWARD

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Case Management -- Intake and assessment, goal setting, and progress meetings, basis for management of all program involvement

Housing

On-site emergency night shelter for 31, housing applications, referrals and collaborations with landlords, Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority, H-2-H, The Salvation Army, and Topeka Rescue Mission, housing applications

Employment

Back-to-Work — job coaching, job search, job oversight

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Tour the Work Force — learning to use the resources of the Kansas Work Force Center Benefits, ID, Legal

Identification replacement, food stamp, disability, Medicaid and other applications, Kansas Legal Services, DMV, Social Security office, SRS

Intervention - Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

On-site alcohol and drug counseling, transportation to detox and rehab programs, AA meeting onsite; referrals and collaborations with DCCCA, RADAC, Valeo, and Johnson County Adult Detox Unit. Referrals and collaborations with Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and others.

Day Services - breakfast, laundry, mail, telephone, storage, art therapy, chiropractor, health education, refuge from extreme weather

Night Services - sleeping spaces for 31 adults, dinner, storage, showers, substance abuse intervention

SUCCESSES

Housing -- staff helped with applications, landlord/tenant relations, fees, searches

- 33 people moved into housing
- 15 others approved for Housing Authority waiting list
- 59 applied to Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority

Employment -- staff helped with job coaching, entrepreneurial projects, state employment guidance

- 26 people started permanent jobs
- 10 others found temporary work

Benefits -- staff helped obtain ID, birth certificates, driver's license, SRS and SS applications

66 individuals applied for benefits and documentation

Intervention -- staff helped with mental and physical illness episodes, substance abuse detox and rehab

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- · 45 individuals entered substance abuse detox or rehab programs
- 52 others went to the emergency room or were hospitalized for physical illness
- 52 people went to mental health assessment or treatment

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Doing good while eating well

'Chocolate and Tea at Three' a charitable splurge on finer things

By Eileen Roddy

Opportunities to eat loads of chocolate guilt-free don't come along too often, but nearly 200 people had one Sunday during the seventh annual "Chocolate and Tea at Three" event.

The benefit of the Lawrence Com-

The benefit for the Lawrence Community Shelter, 214 W. 10th St., included live and silent auctions and took place in the Naismith Room at SpringHill Suites by Marriott at Riverfront Plaza.

"It's a fun way to raise funds and a great excuse for people to enjoy chocolate and tea in a beautiful setting," said Rachel Schmidt, one of the event's

organizers.

Local merchants and individuals provided items for the auctions, as well as a selection of gourmet chocolate delights: cakes, cookies, fudge brownies and a spread of diabetic-friendly treats.

It was the first formal tea-party for Mckenzie Brungard, 9, who had been invited by her neighbor Jane Blocher, a Red Cross director.

They both love chocolate and have a passion for helping people less fortunate than themselves.

"She organized a lemonade stand to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina," Blocher said. "She wanted to know more about the shelter and how she could help. She's excited to be here."

Free State High School's chamber orchestra provided music, and students of the school's Key Club provided table service for guests.

Loring Henderson, the shelter's director, talked about various new developments, including the "Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats" project that employs homeless and low-income individuals.

"Programs like these provide training, skills and hope for a better future for those experiencing homelessness," Hen-

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Shelter helps put guests back on their feet

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derson said.

He paid tribute to all who continued to support the shelter, especially folks like Mary and Mike Easterday, who were presented with the Don Huggins LCS Volunteer of the Year Award. The Easterdays have volunteered since 2001's opening night.

Shelter guest David Scott, 50, said he hoped to follow the path of other shelter guests who now have permanent jobs and homes. He works in the kitchen to earn credits to secure one of the shelter's 31 beds and said he's grateful to staff and volunteers.

"They're like family," he said.
"I hope we get enough money
for a bigger place so we won't

have to turn people away."

Scott paused, then added, "I've been sober for 28 days now, and Sally (Bartlett) is helping me get medication and a job sorted out."

Stories like this inspire Anne Bracker to keep volunteering.

"Homelessness will probably never go away because it's such a complex, multifaceted issue, but we can certainly help those who can't help themselves. We can offer compassion, care and basic human needs of shelter, food and clothing as guests try to get on their feet again," she said.

Eileen Roddy is a fellow of the Citizen
Journalism Academy sponsored by The World
Company and Kansas University's School of
Journalism.



John Henry/Journal-World Photo

JANE BLOCHER, FAR RIGHT HELPS her 9-year-old neighbor Mckenzie Brungardt pick out chocolates while Michael and Jennifer Nicolotti line up for a confection on the next table over at the Chocolate and Tea Benefit for the Lawrence Community Shelter.

LAWRENCE JOURNAL-WORLD Monday, July 30, 2007

Annual neighborhood block party draws 175 for food, conversation

By George Diepenbrock

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ONLINE: See the 6News video reports at www.ljworld.com

Based on the clouds that brought no rain, the hot dogs and hamburgers, the music and the crowd of about 175 people, all parties involved were calling Sun-

day's block party a success.
"It's familial and it's neighborly," said Carol Pilant, who coordinated the event. "It's a time when everybody seems to be on equal footing."

Lawrence Community Shelter, Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen and Oread Neighborhood Association sponsored the third annual barbecue and block party, which took place on 10th Street between Vermont and Kentucky streets. Loring Henderson, the Lawrence Community Shelter's director, and others estimated about 60 percent of people who attended the event were homeless.

Others who attended included neighbors from Oread Neighbor-hood and Old West Lawrence, shelter board members and people from Lawrence churches.

"It's an all-American thing. In the middle of the hot summer, you not food." Henderson said of Sun- most people believe.

Henderson said the annual block party has become an outreach

event, especially as part of the shelter's recent "good neighbor" agreement. The Salvation Army, 946 N.H., operates the other major downtown homeless shelter.

Leaders of both shelters recently have discussed moving out of the downtown area. At times, the relationship between the community shelter, 214 W. 10th St., and its neighbors has been rocky. Sunday night, both sides suggested an improvement in relations somewhat in the last year.

Candice Davis, an Oread Neighborhood resident, said the block party showed an effort on behalf of the shelter to do something for the neighborhood. She said homelessness is a complicated issue, which involves the need for mental health services and other assis-

"As a community, we need a lot more help because this problem's not going to go away," Davis said.

Ben Allen, 46, who now lives in East Lawrence, said he was homeless for one month about a year ago because he ran into financial troubles and eviction. He said the event gave people from area neighborhoods a chance to meet face-to-face with someone homeless, many of whom he said were stand in front of a hot grill and eat not "chronically homeless," like

"A lot of times, people find themselves in the situation suddenly," Allen said.

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John Henry/Journal-World Photo

JUAN DUQUE, left, and Sam Nitcher flip burgers Sunday during the third annual barbecue and block party on 10th Street between Vermont and Kentucky streets. The event was sponsored by Lawrence Community Shelter, Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen and Oread Neighborhood Association.

Musician Sally Howard, who is also chief counsel for Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, performed during the party.

- Staff writer George Diepenbrock can be reached

Lawrence Community Shelter Activities Report 2007

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TAX INCREMENT FINANCING



March 16 Palm Sunday Worship traditional 10:45 am 5:30 pm

6:00 pm March 19 Movie: The Passion of the Christ

6:00 pm March 20 Maundy Thursday Meal

March 21 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

10:00 am March 22 Fellowship Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am

March 23 Easter Sunday Worship Traditional 10:45 am 5:30 pm



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Central United Methodist Church 1501 Massachusetts St. Lawrence, KS 66044 785.843.7066 www.centralumclawrence.org

TherapyWorks Lawrence 1/2 Marathon and 5k Sunday, April 20th

Once again, the Oread neighborhood will host a water station for this important community event. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Contact ONA at 842-5440 if you'd like to lend a hand. Special thanks go out to Devon Kim. She did a fantastic job as Oread's water station captain last year and she's volunteered to do it again in

For more information about the race you can go to: www.lawrencehalfmarathon.com

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The Lawrence Poli tively reduce alcoho assistance to help us drinking in our cor drinking or underag Lawrence Police De reporting can be n (1-800-687-8221).

The Knitting Teach-in at Central Junior I

The Knitting Teach-in was an opportunity for kids to learn to knit, croche and knifty-knit toward a goal of producing squares that will be patchworked together later on for quilts for the needy. It served as CJHS's student MLK community project overseen by Site Council. Some 20 or so members of the community visited with CJHS students during Advisory (homeroom) for three days to teach them how to knit, crochet and knifty.

Thanks to Nancy Brown of Michael's Crafts and Susan Rateman and he

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whose mission is, among other things, preservation.

Those of us involved in this project are all for preservation. If we weren't, we wouldn't be living in an older neighborhood renovating older homes. But strict state and federal regulations meant that no matter how much everyone liked our plan, they said their hands were tied. We were told time and again that we could not proceed with our plans to improve and beautify our small bit of Lawrence. (ONA was supportive.)

Letters, meetings, landscape plans submitted, altered, and resubmitted, emails, more meetings, a



PowerPoint presentation and more meetings, seasons changed and good weather for working outdoors slipped by while we waited for answers. . . . The short version of the story is that it took several years before we were allowed to alter the sidewalk, the major obstacle being approval of the curves. This student

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Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. (LCS)

OUTSIDE SECURITY PLAN

In order to reduce the possibilities that LCS guests are involved in trespassing or other incidents of misbehavior on LCS or surrounding property, LCS has agreed with the First Christian Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and First United Methodist Church that the LCS Outside Monitor and other staff monitors will have authority for security coverage on their grounds as well as LCS. The objective of the Outside Area Security Plan is to prohibit individuals from congregating or trespassing on and around properties neighboring the LCS.

To accomplish a successful Security Plan, the LCS and neighboring churches agree that

- "No Trespassing" signs will be posted where appropriate. "No Trespassing" signs, posted by the churches, allow the LPD to arrest or to issue a criminal trespass warning
- The Outside Monitor will work with the Lawrence Police Department
- The Outside Monitor will patrol the problem areas as frequently as possible but on an irregular schedule
- LCS staff will support the Outside Monitor by enforcing the Security Plan on the church properties as well as at the LCS
- In cases of trespassing, the individuals will be asked to leave the property; the police will be called if the individuals do not cooperate and leave
 - First offense, violators will be issued a trespass warning by the LCS
 - Second offense, violators will be issued a Criminal Trespass Warning by the Lawrence Police Department
 - o Third offense, violators will be arrested
- In cases of vandalism, the police will be called even if the perpetrator is not immediately identified
- Sleeping is not allowed on church grounds
- In cases of buying, selling, or using drugs or alcohol on the LCS or neighboring properties, the
 police will be called and participants will be banned from LCS
- Bans from the LCS will be issued for violations on neighboring church properties as well as violations at the LCS
- The LCS and neighboring churches frequently will assign clean-up crews for affected areas

Rev. Randy Beeman, First Christian Church	10 11 67 Date
Rev. Peter Luckey, Plymouth Congregational Church	10/11/07 Date
Rev. Jonathan Jessen, Trinity Episcopal Church	10/11/07 Date
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