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Mr. Dave Corliss
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Dear Dave,

For the last several months, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) and Health Care Access (HCA) have held discussions about the possibility of sharing office space in the city-owned building at 1920 Moodie Road. This opportunity opened up because HCA proposed to move most of its services to their new building on Maine Street.


BBBS began talking with HCA in a search for office space, having given notice to our current landlord to vacate our existing offices by the end of April. In a tight economy, the rent was simply costing too many dollars that should instead be directed to BBBS' program of providing caring adult mentors to at-risk children.

Nikki King, HCA Director, has notified us that HCA has decided to move all their services and vacate the building completely. Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to apply for a lease with the city to occupy the offices at 1920 Moodie Road under similar terms to the lease held by HCA.

Each year more than 500 children receive mentoring services through BBBS. Our professional staff continually monitors and supervises all active matches to ensure the safety of the children. The Moodie Road location would be ideal with adequate office space and interview rooms to provide client privacy. Moreover, the location coordinates well with the residences of a high percentage of our client base.

We appreciate your consideration of our need for office space that would allow us to continue a high level of service to the families of our community. We'd like to meet with you soon to explore this opportunity and find out what process would be required for BBBS to become the new tenant at 1920 Moodie Road.

Sincerely,


Keith M. Wood
Executive Director


Dave Adams
Chair, Board of Directors

David L. Corliss

From: Steven Stemmerman [sstemmer@usd497.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 2:37 PM
To: David L. Corliss
Cc: kkennedy740@gmail.com; dougdavison@vinlandvalleynursery.com
Subject: Lawrence Community Radio - Inquiry of building space

Dear Mr. Corliss,

Please let us (Lawrence Community Radio) know when the city will begin looking at options regarding the building that housed Health Care Access. If the building is to be strongly considered as a homeless shelter I don't see us wanting to directly compete with that but if options are open we would very much like to be involved and would possibly be able to share the space with another non profit group or groups.

Background: We have received a construction permit from the FCC and are currently in negotiations to broadcast from a tower a little closer in that would cover the entire city. We are in the process of transferring from a 501C4 under Lawrence Freenet to a 501C3 under Americana Music Academy. We will eventually have our own 501C3. Programming will be based on community access and open to the diverse range of interests and needs of the citizens of Lawrence and the surrounding area.

Thank you.
Steve Stemmerman

When and if the time arises please send a form to either myself - sstemmer@usd497.org

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