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To Whom It May Concern:

Substance abuse is a prevalent issue facing many families in Anderson County, TN, as well as, the entirety of the United States. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA, 2018), over 19.7 million adults in the United States struggled with a substance use disorder in 2017, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA, 2017) reported that drug abuse and addiction cost American society over $740 billion annually in lost workplace productivity, healthcare expenses, and crime-related costs. RightWay Recovery is a nonprofit organization in Clifton, TN that provides halfway housing for men ages 18+ years old who have previously been in a 28-30 day inpatient rehabilitation facility and are transitioning back into society. Our mission is to provide a community of recovery for clients who are suffering with substance abuse issues and co-occurring disorders by eliminating the stigma associated with substance use disorders and building a recovery community that helps strengthen the overall community. We have partnered with Anderson County Drug Court, Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services, and local temporary employment agencies to provide the services necessary to achieve our mission.

The objective of this letter is to present to you our greatest challenge in assisting the clients of RightWay Recovery in transitioning back into society. We are a newer organization,

and we currently have a fully furnished location, one full-time therapist, and three volunteer staff members. Our current need is to raise enough money to employ two more full-time live-in staff members, pay salary for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor (LADAC) currently on staff, and obtain a van to transport clients to necessary appointments such as AA/NA meetings, doctors' appointments, interviews, etc. The projected cost to employ two full-time live-in staff members and one full-time LADAC would be $94,000 for the year, and the projected cost for the van is $32,000. Therefore, the total need for RightWay Recovery to be fully operational this year is $126,000.

Our goal at RightWay Recovery is to be able to help refine the lives of those in recovery, reunite families, and improve the community as a whole. We seek to provide more productive society members, clean up the community, and lower crime rates by presenting skills training and housing for those who are transitioning back into society. In order to serve our clients and community, we will need dedicated staff who are committed to our mission as well as transportation into the community. All funds received will support the staff members needed and provide a van to help with transportation, housing, and recovery needs. If there are any questions, concerns, or a need for clarification, please email us at rightwayrecovery@gmail.com or call us at 865-318-4375. Thank you for your consideration; we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
RightWay Recovery Fundraising Committee

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