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Thank You,

Sue
North Fort Myers, Florida

Mr. Ron Willis,
God's Place is indeed a tremendous concept for helping the needy, downcast, those seeking a way out of addiction; and your intentions as described on your site lead me to believe that the State of Florida should agree to rent this facility and land to Love & Compassion Ministries, costing the taxpayers of the state nearly zero dollars while impacting lives in an atmosphere of caring, discipline, and training for a future, equipping those who have no chance to prosper or have self-respect. Please count me as standing behind your endeavors to seek such a facility for the well-being of the many disadvantaged in our entire state.
Sincerely,

Nancy
Lynn Haven, Florida

To The Honorable Governor Chris,

I am writing in response to the state owned property in Buckingham, FL which is presently vacant.

Please consider Love and Compassion Ministries to rent this land for the purpose of opening a most needed residential rehab facility for the less fortunates in our community.

I have had a personal experience with a family member who was incarcerated. If it was not for Love and Compassion Ministries I cannot imagine what would have happened. We are so very desperately in need of a rehab facility in our County and State.

I ask again that you please consider this request.

Thank You,

Sincerely

Bertha L.

Cape Coral, FL 33914

To whom it may concern,

There continues to be an overwhelming need to help the daily growth of our homeless population in the Lee County district. At this time, (not to mention prior to), there has existed no programs to house and facilitate these people in desperate need of services. As one who has dealt with being jobless, homeless, and destitute, I have had the great fortune of being referred to, and assisted by, Mr. Ron Willis of Love and Compassion Ministries. There exists a large plot of available land sitting ideally for a number of years that could be utilized for just this purpose. Mr. Willis has been actively involved in trying to acquire this land, and use it for, the housing and rehabilitation of these peoples. My letter is intended to implore you to help Love and Compassion Ministries in aiding large this ignored population just as they have sacrificed to help me personally.

With Complete Sincerity.

JoAnn R.

Dear Governor Crist,

I am one of many, many people in support of the state of Florida giving control of the 640-acre tract in Buckingham over to God's Place. This is a perfect location for this mission, and the timing is certainly right.

God's Place has grown out of the LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRIES of Cape Coral Florida with Ron Willis as the Founder and Director. It has been in operation 12 years. The future site will be on 640 acres in Buckingham Florida. It will have a MEDICAL FACILITY independently run and a DENTAL FACILITY also independently run, an AGRICULTURAL

DEPARTMENT where they will grow their own vegetables and have an EDUCATION DEPARTMENT that will teach LIFE SKILLS, GED, LANGUAGE, ART and MUSIC. The ON THE JOB TRAINING program will include ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, FARMING, MEAL PLANNING, CULINARY, OFFICE SKILLS, ACCOUNTING, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, RECEPTIONIST SKILLS, RETAIL, SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE, LAWN MAINTENANCE, APPLIANCE REPAIR, WELDING, ELECTRICAL, SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION, PLUMBING, AUTO MECHANICS, MASONRY, ROOFING, PAINTING, WOODWORKING, HVAC AND SECURITY .

Besides making great use of the buildings that are being closed down and property that would have to be maintained by the state even if the buildings are closed, 73 new jobs would be created the first year and 156 jobs by the 3rd year. A THRIFT STORE will be on site to help raise funds. This project will not cost the state anything but will turn out productive citizens.

Please support the transfer of the operation of this facility to God's Place. If you would like to know more about God's Place, I'm sure Ron Willis would be glad to meet with you. I know him personally, and he is a good man.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Christina C.

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Thank You,

Jeanne L.

Dear Governor Crist,

GOD'S PLACE

I have heard that a local Lee County attorney has presented a plan to you to use the Lee County Mental Health facility in east Lee County as God's Place, a regeneration facility for the homeless of our area.

I encourage you to accept the plan he has presented to you to rent this facility to God's Place. Each year I see more and more homeless and needy come to our Church for help. As God has instructed us, we fill these needs to the best of our ability, but the problem does not get smaller, it keeps growing. The plan you have will change the lives of many of our homeless. They will have spiritual guidance, job training, addiction recovery treatment, and educational advantages. Many social service agencies will work together to improve lives. This will be a new person leaving the ranks of the homeless and coming into our community a regenerated, productive citizen.

So Governor Christ, let me sincerely tell you, we in Lee County do have a need, and I believe God's Place will significantly improve the situation of our homeless people.

Amy
Fort Myers, Florida
