

February 20, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Attached please find our application for development review along with our occupancy permit for the property located at 713 N Grandview Blvd, Waukesha.

## Who are we?

We are a non-profit organization 501C3 status, that hands out groceries to our community each week. Rochelle, our founder, started the organization out of need from the COVID pandemic. Rochelle has received grassroots funding support originally from her peers as a Real Estate Broker. Each week she watched as the organization grew and grew. We currently support 100+ families (roughly 400-500 people) each week. We set up tables with food each Thursday and allow the families to pick the items that they would like. There is such dignity, respect, trust and power in being able to select the groceries that your family will eat. We remove the anxiety, stress and fear of food insecurity with our guests. See we are so much more than a pantry, we truly care for our families and provide them with a no-judgment zone.

## **Current Location?**

We are currently operating out of Southminister Presbyterian Church at 200 Richard St, Waukesha. Our operation is only one day a week on Thursday's. We have four sources of food that come in on Thursday and we hand out 6000-9000 pounds of food weekly. Our current location does not have sufficient refrigeration or freezer space to meet the demands of our "Choice Pantry".

## **New Location?**

We are needing a new location to help provide our families with more items and more hours of operation. This location is so ideal, providing us with everything we could have asked for and more. We would be able to have space for drygoods, housewares, perishable items, clothing from Misfits for Jesus, and so much more. We would keep the spaces in front of the building for handicapped or elderly guests. With the back of the building to have other guests. The Landlord told us that if we needed more spaces to ask the tenants next to us for their outdoor spaces, Also to have an overhead door for deliveries is super ideal.

I/would like to thank you for viewing our application and wanted to say that we found a space that meets all our needs. If you have any guestions please call me 262-424-0184.

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