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Subject: GraceWorks Ministries

To the Editor,

GraceWorks Ministries has been a gift to The City of Franklin for 26 years. We cannot really measure the impact of GraceWorks in terms of where our community would be without it. Unfortunately, GraceWorks has been looking for a new building to call home for almost a year and has not yet found an option in Franklin.

At a recent meeting with GraceWorks' CEO, Valencia A. Breckenridge, I learned that GraceWorks not only desperately needs more space to continue their critical services, but they have a looming timeline of June 2023 to vacate the space they currently occupy at 104 Southeast Parkway. GraceWorks is evaluating all options, including the strong possibility of leaving the city of Franklin, which they would greatly prefer not to do.

As our city grows, we should be diligent to ensure GraceWorks is still able to call Franklin home. Thousands of local neighbors each year are provided respite and hope through GraceWorks' Food, Shelter, and Support programs. On top of their own services, GraceWorks collaborates with many other organizations, ministries, and social service agencies to offer the best wrap around care for our community. At GraceWorks, neighbors not only find relief, but a community of experts and compassion to help them build a more sustainable life for their families.

GraceWorks joins our frontline to combat any crises our community faces. Now, GraceWorks needs our help as they face homelessness. It is our turn to serve this nonprofit that has loved our community so well for 26 years.

I am asking our local business owners, churches, and property owners to help Franklin keep this valuable nonprofit in our community. GraceWorks is looking for leasable space of at least 40,000 square feet that includes or could be retrofitted to include 2+ truck bays, warehouse space, offices, conference room, retail space and 300+ parking spaces. Gifted or discounted space will be critical. As a long-term plan GraceWorks is also looking for a permanent home option so they do not face the threat of displacement again. A gift of 6 acres or more would allow GraceWorks to plan to build a permanent home.

I am asking citizens who have called Franklin home forever and our newcomers to help GraceWorks continue to call Franklin home. Our community would be different were it not for their 26 years here, and it will be different if this ministry leaves. Without GraceWorks, our community would be less collaborative, less compassionate, and less aware of the needs of our neighbors. I ask each of us to




consider how we can join GraceWorks in their mission of “Neighbor serving Neighbor, by the power of God’s grace” as this ministry faces an uncertain future.

Please contact me or the GraceWorks CEO, Valencia A. Breckenridge, if you have any space or donation of land in mind. It will be a great victory for our community if GraceWorks finds their permanent home in Franklin.

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Respectfully,

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