Teaching, Educating, Advancing Christian Health (TEACH), Inc.

606 South Lee Street, Valdosta, GA 31601

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Elsie C. Napier, I am the Pastor of TEACH Outreach Ministries/TEACH INC. located at 601 and 606 South Lee Street, Valdosta, GA. Please consider this letter as our brief introduction to the TEACH Transitional Home for the homeless. We are requesting a Conditional Permit for our property located at 606 South Lee Street. We are currently zoned Office/Professional and since 2004 have been serving the community at this location by providing weekly meals on wheels services to the elderly and sick (averaging 45-50 meal deliveries per week), in-house meals too over 30 people per week, clothes closet, food box ministry, computer classes, educational classes, and a weekly community bible study.

However, in late 2020 when COVID was at its worse many of our outreach services had to be cut back. Currently we provide no in-house services at this location. Nevertheless, in 2021 we began dialogue with the Valdosta City Schools' Homeless Caseworkers and learned there were over 300 homeless children living in hotels with a parent (sometimes up to 6 people sharing one room). We immediately began planning and working in collaboration with VCS on how we may become a positive impact in the lives of these homeless families.

Thereby TEACH Transitional Home was birth. The 606 South Lee Street property is a beautiful 2 story Antebellum style home built in 1906 by its original owner Mr. Thomas Hudson. We have converted 6 of its 7 spacious bedrooms to serve as a temporary home for these homeless families. The home will house up to 18 individuals (depending on the size of the family) for a period up to 12 months.

We ask that you please support our efforts by granting our request for the Conditional Permit needed to move forward. For any questions, please feel free to contact me at 229-561-2245. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Elsie C. Napier, Pastor

Deacon Eddie Ballard, Board Chairman

Sister Joan Allen, CFO

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