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October 23, 2014

Erie County Legislature
 Attn: Ms. Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk
 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
 Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Attached for Clock-In to the public record of the Erie County Legislature, please find Letters of Support from Foundations, Community Agencies and Government Officials supporting the Buffalo City Mission expansion project at 100 East Tupper Street in Buffalo, New York.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Miller-Williams
 Erie County Legislator
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“We are here to serve the Community”



Please find attached Letters of Support from Foundations, Community Agencies and Government Officials who support the Buffalo City Mission expansion project at 100 East Tupper Street in Buffalo. We look forward to your support for the project.

Why are we building?

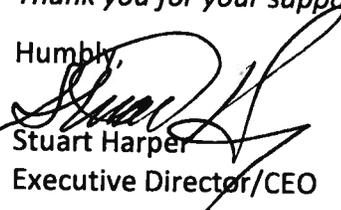
Men and women come to us every day looking for help to their life long challenges. They know, in many cases, these challenges are of their own making. They are willing to admit they made bad decisions in the past and are asking for help to pursue a better path. We can spend a long time judging them, however Buffalo City Mission chooses to focus on the opportunity of 'willingness to change' and create an individualized program that will give them the tools to change their life forever.

All of our clients have had jobs and housing in their pasts, yet for whatever reason have found both to be unsustainable because of their personal barriers. Barriers such as violence, addiction, illiteracy, legal challenges, low self-esteem, and many others have been plaguing them for their entire lives and have made long-term stability unattainable. Eight years ago we built a new facility, Cornerstone Manor, that allowed us to expand our services to address these issues with women and their children. We have proven our model with Cornerstone and today we are focused on re-building and expanding the men's center to do the same thing.

Our goal is to give these men and women a chance to permanently and positively change their lives and get back on the right track to making better decisions every day. Most of our clients have never had the positive modeling from parents and relatives that many of us enjoyed while growing up. Without this modeling, they grew up without rules and boundaries and ended up where they are today. Our program is focused on providing effective modeling they can be emulated. Through this process, we help our clients face and eliminate/manage their personal barriers and move forward. We facilitate our clients' engagement into programs where they can obtain the training/education they need to prepare themselves to get a living wage job and support themselves and their family. It is our core mission to help all who come without exception.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to building a better Buffalo for ALL.

Humbly,


Stuart Harper
Executive Director/CEO

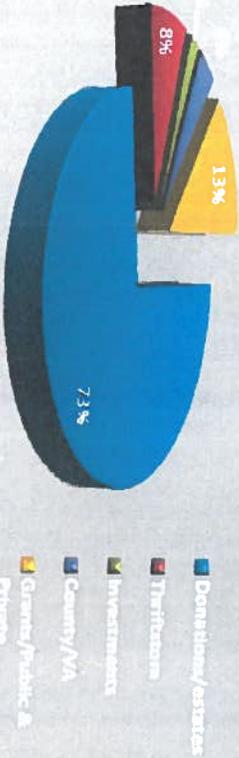
PS: I have also included our KPI score card for our fiscal year 10/2013 to 9/2014



Key Performance Indicators : Our 12 month, Fiscal Year End 9/30/14

<p>215,031 Up 13%</p> <p>Meals Served</p> <p>Same Period Last Year 189,706</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year 189,706</p>	<p>85,488 Up 17%</p> <p>Safe Nights of Sleep</p> <p>Same Period Last Year 72,801</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year 72,801</p>	<p>203 18 men and 14 women in August!</p> <p>Clients finding Safe/Affordable housing</p> <p>Same Period last year Not tracked in some way</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year 85</p>	<p>\$258,190 Up 34%</p> <p>Clothing/meals distributed: Pantry and Agape shop</p> <p>Same Period Last year \$192,785</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year \$192,785</p>
<p>513</p> <p>Decisions for Christ</p> <p>Same Period last year Not tracked in some way</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year 121</p>	<p>97 Up 10% (average)</p> <p>Clients in the "Dream"</p> <p>Same Period last year 88</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year 84</p>	<p>2851 Up 255% (60 nights)</p> <p>Code Blue - Safe Nights of Sleep provided</p> <p>Same Period last year 802 (25 nights)</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year 802 (25 nights)</p>	<p>121 Veterans comprise 7% of our clients. # Veterans served this year</p> <p>Same Period last year Not tracked in some way</p> <p>Last Fiscal Year Not tracked in some way</p>

Revenue summary The past 12 months FYE 9/30/14 87% of funding from private sources



Individuals Served - The past 12 months FYE 9/30/14

YTD served:
- Unique # Men/Women and Children:
Total: 1,823

Note: Represents approx 30% of all homeless individuals for Erie County

Our Mission: "Buffalo City Mission exists to meet the spiritual and practical needs of the poor through the demonstration of the love and preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

The
JOHN R. OISHEI
F o u n d a t i o n

October 8, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

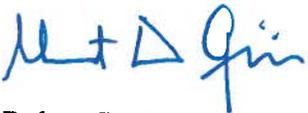
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Our community faces a serious problem of homelessness and, unfortunately, the numbers of homeless are increasing. The City Mission's comprehensive project will address the immediate needs of the homeless with increased capacity in their shelter and will be able to offer further support with the development of permanent, supportive, affordable housing to assist formerly homeless with long-term housing, education, health services, and other programs.

The John R. Oishei Foundation has had a relationship with the City Mission that dates back to a time when the private foundation was initially established. The City Mission's long history of providing shelter, sustenance and services to those in need has had continual alignment with our funding priorities. I am confident that this project will be a continuation of that commitment and ability to provide services to the people of the City of Buffalo. With the efforts of an agency like the Buffalo City Mission I envision a better Buffalo for all, one where someone in need will be able to access shelter, education, case management and most of all, hope.

I fully support the efforts of the City Mission as they seek funding for their new project and initiative to end homelessness in Buffalo. The City Mission has opened its doors to help men, women and children restore their hope, dignity and lives. I am confident that this new endeavor will allow our residents in need the opportunity to live in safe, affordable, permanent housing and the opportunity to access education and other services that will help them achieve independence, sustainability and dignity.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Gioia
President

Comm. 21E-9



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Penny Selmonsky
Alliance Chairperson

September 5, 2014

Dale Zuchlewski
Executive Director

To Whom It May Concern,

Kexin Ma
Coordinator of Federal
Programs

It is my pleasure to write a letter in enthusiastic support of the proposal of Buffalo City Mission, to expand their operation at 100 East Tupper Street, including an expansion of their emergency shelter, new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing, and an expansion of space for their programs and services.. The expanded City Mission will have emergency facility capacity of up to 184 beds and 66 permanent supportive housing units for men.

Suckie Smith
Director of Operations

Rebecca Dettlef
HMIS Coordinator

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Christine Slocum
HMIS/CoC Assistant

Nathan Pyzklewicz
Program Assistant

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Sincerely,

Dale Zuchlewski
Executive Director



Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc.

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August 29, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in enthusiastic support of the proposal of Buffalo City Mission, to expand their operation at 100 East Tupper Street, including an expansion of their emergency shelter, new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing, and an expansion of space for their programs and services.. The expanded City Mission will have emergency facility capacity of up to 184 beds and 66 permanent supportive housing units for men.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Houseknecht
Executive Director



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Michael Weiner

August 27, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Buffalo City Mission proposal to significantly modify operations at 100 East Tupper Street including an expansion of their emergency shelter, new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing as well as an expansion of space for existing programs and services. The proposed expansion will accommodate emergency facility capacity of up to 184 beds and 66 permanent supportive housing units for men.

It is well known that our community faces a serious problem of homelessness and, unfortunately, the number of homeless individuals continues to increase. Buffalo City Mission's comprehensive project will address the immediate needs of the homeless with increased capacity in the shelter and will be able to offer further support through the development of permanent, supportive, affordable housing that assists formerly homeless individuals with long-term housing, education, health services, and other supportive programs.

The Buffalo City Mission has a long history of providing shelter, sustenance and services to those most in need and I am confident the proposed project would be a continuation of that commitment and ability to provide essential services to the people of this precious City. As a result of this project expansion, I would like to think we would experience a better Buffalo for all; one where those most in need can access shelter, education, case management, and most importantly hope for the future.

Please know I fully support the efforts of the Buffalo City Mission as they seek funding for this important project to reduce homelessness in our community. Since 1917, Buffalo City Mission has assisted individuals through hard times on every level imaginable. Through the widespread devastation of the Great Depression to a previous economic downturn in our city including some of the highest poverty rates in the country, the Mission has opened its doors to help men, women and children restore their hope, dignity and create fulfilling lives. The proposed expansion would allow men and women the opportunity to live in safe, affordable, permanent housing along with the opportunity to access needed education and other supports leading to independence.

Sincerely,

Michael Weiner
President & CEO

Jack Quinn
President

September 4, 2014

Buffalo City Mission
ATT: Stuart Harper, Executive Director
100 East Tupper St.
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Mr. Harper: *Stuart*

As President of Erie Community College and a resident of Western New York, it is my pleasure to write a letter in enthusiastic support of the Buffalo City Mission's proposal to expand their operation at 100 East Tupper Street to include an expansion of their emergency shelter; new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing; an expansion of space for their programs and services; and an expansion of their emergency facility capacity of up to 184 beds and 66 permanent supportive housing units for men.

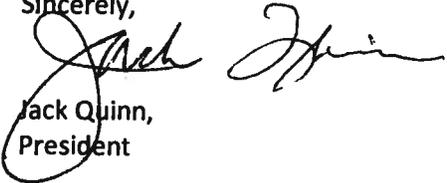
My interest in the efforts of the Buffalo City Mission is both personal and professional. My wife and I volunteered our free time at the downtown facility for years, serving the city's homeless and hungry on holidays and other occasions. Those experiences gave me an opportunity to see how the organization not only served our region's most indigent, but was able to mobilize community members to join in the continuous effort. Now at ECC, I'm able to see our college officials work in professional partnership with the organization to provide classes and eventual job training (through our Education 2 Recovery Pre-Collegiate Studies Program) for those struggling or simply intent on redirecting their lives. With the City Mission's help, we've been able to educate some of our neediest residents and help them toward a brighter path.

At ECC, we envision a better Buffalo for all, one where everyone has access to not only jobs, but a career. The Buffalo City Mission works every day to help the poor access shelter, education, and case management. Thankfully, we've been able to combine our strengths to offer something that's not always quantifiable: hope. Buffalo City Mission's comprehensive project will only improve upon our ability to collaborate and provide hope, as well as address the immediate needs of the homeless with increased capacity in their shelter and the development of permanent, supportive, affordable housing to assist formerly homeless with long-term housing, education, health services, and other programs.

I fully support the efforts of the Buffalo City Mission as they seek funding for their new project and initiative to end homelessness throughout our city and region. I look forward to continuing to work with them to not only help our city's homeless to start, restart or redirect their education, but to utilize that education toward a better life. The opportunities are there, and we must continue to strive to provide

them to all in need. If you have any questions or would like further comment, please feel free to contact my City Campus office at (716) 851-1200. Thank you for your time, and take care.

Sincerely,


Jack Quinn,
President

- C: Mike Pietkiewicz, Sr. Vice President of Operations
- Richard Washousky, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Steve
Warm personal regards,
Joe



August 26, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposal of the Buffalo City Mission to expand operations at 100 East Tupper Street, including an expansion of their emergency shelter, new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing and an expansion of space for their programs and services. Through this expansion, the City Mission will have an emergency facility capacity of up to 184 beds and 66 permanent supportive housing units for men.

As you may know, our community faces a serious problem of homelessness and unfortunately the numbers are increasing. Buffalo City Mission's comprehensive project with increased shelter capacity will help address the immediate needs of the homeless and will be enable the City Mission to offer further support with the development of permanent, supportive and affordable housing to assist formerly homeless people with long-term housing, education, health services and other programs.

The Buffalo City Mission's long history of providing shelter, sustenance and services to those in need makes me confident that this project will be a continuation of their commitment and ability to provide services to the people of the City of Buffalo.

I imagine a city where no one needs to be living on the streets, begging for loose change and "living off the system." We envision a better Buffalo for all, one where the poor can access shelter, education, case management and hope.

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I support this endeavor that will afford men and women the opportunity to live in safe, affordable and permanent housing as well as the opportunity to access education and other services that will help them achieve independence.

Sincerely yours,

Francisco M. Vasquez, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

FMV/mjr



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September 8, 2014

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Sincerely,


Thomas Lynch

President & CEO



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8/27/2015

To Whom It May Concern,

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On any given night in Erie County, approximately 2,000 men, women and children can be found on the streets, in emergency shelters, or in transitional or permanent supportive housing (Homeless Alliance of Western New York – 2013 Annual Report on the State of Homelessness in Erie County). Most recently, with the closing of another shelter for homeless males, there is a crucial need for additional emergency shelter beds for these men. It is also essential for individuals and families to have access to wrap-around services and placement into permanent supportive housing.

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Sincerely,

Joyelle Tedeschi, MSW
Director
Matt Urban Hope Center


Karen Carman
Homeless Services Coordinator
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September 5, 2014

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Hillman
Carolyn Hillman, Director

The Salvation Army Emergency Family Shelter

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STATE OF NEW YORK



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SENATOR, 63RD DISTRICT

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July 15, 2014

Stuart Harper, Executive Director
Buffalo City Mission
100 E. Tupper Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Mr. Harper:

I write to offer my strong support for the Buffalo City Mission and their application for funding from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Such funding will support their plans for the expansion of their primary facility located at 100 East Tupper Street within the City of Buffalo. This expansion will continue the construction boom that is changing the face of this neighborhood, and will also, even more importantly, improve the lives of countless homeless men in Buffalo.

The Buffalo City Mission has long provided a needed focus on emergency housing, rehabilitation, education and training, life skills development, job placement, and permanent housing solutions for homeless men and women in Western New York. Several years ago, they completed construction on Cornerstone Manor, their state-of-the-art facility for women and children. This renovation and expansion will bring their men's facility up to date, and allow them to increase their emergency shelter capacity while also adding new spaces to provide educational, training, and counseling services. Most notably, this expansion will also add permanent supportive housing for men who have completed the City Mission's programming and are ready for a more independent life, while still maintaining access to necessary programs and services.

As the City of Buffalo continues to grow and thrive, we must not forget those who are most in need. I applaud the City Mission for their selfless dedication to serving our most vulnerable, and I look forward to watching them continue to evolve and innovate. Again, I strongly support this planned expansion, and I hope that their worthy application for funding from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the Division of Housing and Community Renewal is successful. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Should you have any questions, or if I may be of assistance, please contact me in my district office at (716) 826-2683.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Timothy M. Kennedy
New York State Senator, 63rd District



September 3, 2014

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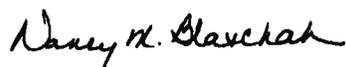
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Sincerely,



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DENNIS C. WALCZYK
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August 26, 2014

Mr. Stuart Harper
Executive Director
Buffalo City Mission
100 E. Tupper Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

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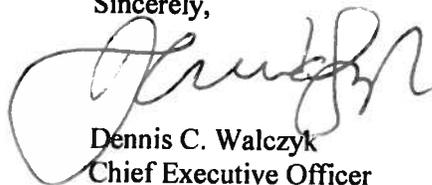
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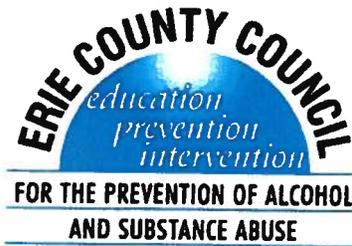
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Andrea J. Wanat, MA, CPP
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September 9, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Food Bank of WNY, it is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal of Buffalo City Mission, to expand their operation at 100 East Tupper Street, including an expansion of their emergency shelter, new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing, and an expansion of space for their programs and services.

Our relationship with City Mission dates back nearly 30 years. As fellow stakeholders in the community, we recognize the serious issues of homelessness and food insecurity. Since 2000, we have sent nearly 1.2 million pounds of food to the City Mission, making it one of our largest member agencies in Western New York. During an average month, their soup kitchen provides 6,900 meals, their shelter provides 23,400 meals to residents, and their pantry meets the needs of 176 people.

As one of the community's most critical human services agencies, we value their input, feedback, and tremendous collaboration in respectfully meeting the needs of those who are hungry in our community.

We strongly support Buffalo City Mission as they seek community support in their new project. We applaud their initiative to end homelessness in Buffalo and promote a more food secure community. Throughout many economic ups and downs in Buffalo, the Mission has opened its doors to help men, women and children restore their hope, dignity and lives.

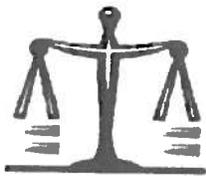
Thank you for your consideration of the Buffalo City Mission's request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of us at our respective numbers below.

Sincerely,

Marylou Borowiak
President & CEO
935-6678

Carol Palumbo
Agency Services Director
935-6696

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935-6683



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September 2, 2014

Stuart Harper, Executive Director
City Mission
100 East Tupper Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Stuart:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in enthusiastic support of the proposal of Buffalo City Mission, to expand the operation at 100 East Tupper Street, including an expansion of the emergency shelter, new construction of permanent, supportive, affordable housing, and an expansion of space for their programs and services. We are very pleased to hear that the expanded City Mission will have emergency facility capacity of up to 184 beds and 66 permanent supportive housing units for men.

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William J. Hawkes
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August, 2014

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As a stakeholder in this community, I know the Buffalo City Mission has been a good neighbor and considerate of those in the surrounding area and I'm confident that this will continue as their facility grows.

We live in the fourth poorest community in the nation, but many residents may not realize that thanks to the tireless efforts of organizations like the Buffalo City Mission. With community support and caring, I imagine a city where no one needs to be living on the streets, begging for loose change and living off the system. We envision a better Buffalo for all, one where the poor can access shelter, education, case management and hope.

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Tara A. Ellis
President and CEO
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