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Good morning,

I have attached a copy of our 501 C3 status to this email.

- Our current board members are:
- JD Grant (President)
- Josh Hyde (Treasurer)
- Shane Roughton (Voting Member)
- Keith Ashe (Voting Member)
- Darin Allison (Voting Member)
- Marti Walker (Secretary/Non-Voting Member)

Life Challenge of WNC is a residential program is for ladies ages 18-39 and is 12 months in length. We provide treatment and counseling for those with life-controlling problems. Life Challenge WNC believes the key to recovery and healing is based on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This relationship provides the motivation and power for developing a whole new way of living. Life Challenge of Western North Carolina is a residential program that attempts to help the whole person, not just the substance abuse problem. Life Challenge WNC offers assistance to people with a variety of life-controlling problems which lead to a life of brokenness. Life Challenge WNC believes the only way a student can overcome her life-controlling problem is by establishing a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ. According to a study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and Northwestern University, the success rate for individuals participating in a faith-based program is 86%! This percentage is found after tracking graduates from the program for seven years. The success rate among secular program averages 3-8%. We believe this is solely a result of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Water system detail:

Life Challenge is currently being served by a spring system water source that is on deed record to be shared with current spring location property owners.

Domestic water source springs systems contain contaminants such as turbidity, bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemicals that can cause waterborne diseases and pose health risks.

Life Challenge (LC) has been diligent in utilizing LC residents, volunteers, as well as paid contractors' efforts in lessening turbidity and bacteria presence. Due to the recent past and current upstream development, LC's attempts have not been successful.

LC water system includes an extensive water filter system as well as an ultra violet pass through light. These efforts (and maintenance of) have not been productive and have only taken away from LC's goal in aiding with positive life change for its residents.

LC has been (and is currently) battling maintaining a confident water source for residents and support staff. The latest upstream development and rain fall volumes compromised the domestic spring system. These current factors caused a total loss of water for 2 days for **two** residential **structures** (in May '24) that in turn hindered LC's mission.

This is just an example of the many times that LC has battled maintaining with no water for multiple days. There was an additional 3-4 day time frame that LC struggled to carry on without water in earlier months of this calendar year.

LC would greatly appreciate any and all consideration from the Jackson County NC Board of Commission in relation to funding a drilled well domestic water system and necessary electrical requirements.

Life Challenge is confident that a drilled well would resolve the current consistent water source issues, aid in the Life Challenge mission, and most importantly glorify God for His forgiveness, His grace, and His life changing power.

Thank you!

Blessings,

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