

**SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Once again, I am happy to acknowledge the exceptional work performed by The Way, which provides a residence for the homeless males and a faith-based environment for those who hunger for spiritual guidance and support.

Having worked in community corrections for the past eight years, I have seen positive changes in many of the clients for whom we labor. Those who initially enter our front doors are often slaves to drug and alcohol addictions, as well as many other unproductive attitudes and behaviors. Too often they have found little positive support in either their families or in their social network of friends and acquaintances. However, through a combination of applying evidence-based accountability measures and using the resources of our community, including The Way, many of these individuals have made strides in overcoming the negative influences that have impacted their lives.

Through programs such as Celebrate Recovery (a drug rehab program for men and women) and Bible Study, The Way helps fathers and mothers more effectively navigate some of the rough waters of bringing up children in a wholesome family atmosphere. A Christian counselor is also on board to encourage residents to get in touch with their spiritual natures.

Through the leadership of Director, Brett Cieslack, Ron Conner and their Board of Directors, The Way has served as an indispensable resource in our community for the past eight years, and hopefully will continue to do so for many years to come.

Sincerely,

*Richard Hedrick*

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