

For Consideration

As Fire Chief of Cornelius Fire Department, former Chief of Gaston Fire District, a longtime public servant, and a member of this community, I am pleased to offer my strong support for GG's House and their efforts to acquire the former Yogananda property in Laurelwood.

For more than a decade, GG's house has served as a remarkable source of support, compassion, and stability for individuals and their families throughout Washington County and the surrounding areas. Through food assistance programs, holiday outreach, community events, donations, and other acts of service, they have consistently showcased a commitment to meeting people where they are and helping them through difficult circumstances.

As first responders, we recognize the importance of organizations that support and strengthen the community beyond emergency response. GG's House has been one of those organizations. Their efforts to help address challenges before they become detrimental crises and provide meaningful support to individuals and families who may have otherwise nowhere to turn, have been paramount to continuity in our community.

As an emergency responder in the communities GG's house serves, I have seen the difference they have made to our vulnerable population. Their impact was particularly evident during the Lee Falls Fire when GG's House stepped in to assist both community and first responders by providing food, water, and support during a challenging and rapidly involving incident. Their willingness to serve others during times of need reflects the best of community partnership and volunteerism.

Organizations like GG's House contribute to overall health, resilience, and wellbeing of our communities. Their work compliments the efforts of our local governments, public safety agencies, and community partners by helping create a stronger support network and improving the quality of life of those who they are serving.

For these reasons, I strongly support GG's House and their efforts to secure a permanent home from which they can continue and grow their important mission. I am grateful for their positive impact throughout our region and look forward to seeing their continued success in serving our community.

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