

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: Monday, August 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Request for Use of Historic Courthouse Front Lawn -
Only Hope WNC

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Application for Use of Historic Courthouse Front Lawns
& Courtyard

PRESENTER: Christina Hallingse

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Only Hope WNC is 501(c)(3) who works to raise awareness of youth homelessness. They are requesting use of the front lawn of the Historic Courthouse from 5:00 p.m. on November 15th to 8:00 a.m. on November 16th. The group will hold an overnight "sleepout" to raise money to purchase a house for homeless youth. The group is having a port-a-potty donated for their use and will place it in the back parking lot of the Historic Courthouse.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Application for Use of Historic Courthouse Lawns and Courtyard as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board of Commissions adopt the Application for Use of the Historic Courthouse Lawn and Courtyard for Only Hope WNC as presented.



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Application for Use of Historic Courthouse Lawns and Courtyard¹

Henderson County Historic Courthouse
 1 Historic Courthouse Square
 Hendersonville, NC 28792

Michael Atsher
 Name of Applicant Making Request¹

7/23/13
 Date of Application

Pe Box 394 ^{Hville} NC 28793 693-5499 onlyhopewnc@gmail.com
 Mailing Address of Applicant Phone Number of Applicant E-mail Address of Applicant

for a fundraiser to buy a house for Homeless Kids
 Purpose for Use of Facilities Called Steepleport "Attached 5 papers"

11/15/13 - 11/16/13 5pm 8am
 Date of Event Beginning Time End Time

The remainder of the application to be filled out by the Office of the County Manager

PERMISSION GRANTED TO USE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE COURTYARD, LAWNS

Christina DeStefano, Public Information Officer Date Request Approved

PERMISSION DENIED TO USE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE COURTYARD, LAWNS

Christina DeStefano, Public Information Officer Date Request Approved

Reason Denied:

¹ This permission is limited to use of the Historic Courthouse grounds and courtyard. The front porch and steps may not be utilized. Stages may not be setup without permission from the County Manager's Office. No vehicles are permitted on the courtyard. Staging of events must not block entrance and exit from the courthouse during business hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the weekend hours of operation for the Heritage Museum, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Permission must be gained from the City of Hendersonville Police Department to use the city sidewalks, parking and streets surrounding the Historic Courthouse.

² The individual(s) signing this application are responsible for assuring that all litter that accumulates on the Historic Courthouse site as a result of this event will be removed.

Statement of Disclaimer
Public Use Policy
County of Henderson

In renting, leasing or making available the County of Henderson's facilities and grounds, neither the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, nor the Henderson County employees, assume any responsibility for the loss of or damage to any property or personal effects, including but not limited to, vehicles and its contents, or for any injury to the user, its members, employees, agents, guests, or participants, all of whom, hereby agree to hold the County of Henderson, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, the County Manager and County employees harmless for any loss or damage sustained while using Henderson County facilities and grounds.

The County of Henderson is committed to providing opportunities in access and employment in all programs, services, activities, grounds and facilities without regard to age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, creed, political affiliation, or disability.

I have read and agreed to the policy for using the County of Henderson's facilities and grounds.

Only Hope Wnc Inc / Michael Absher
Organization/Group Representative

Michael Absher
Signature

7/23/13
Date

Michael Absher, Only Hope Wnc, President
Print Name, Organization & Title

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY

Approved

Denied

County Manager Designee Title Date

"Serving the Homeless Youth"

July 18, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2009 a group of concerned citizens in Henderson County, NC came together for the purpose of fighting against youth homelessness. Four years later, their passion has grown into a full on assault. Within the last year, *Only Hope WNC* has become an organized 501c3 Non- Profit Organization and has partnered with Henderson County Public School's HELP program to aid the close to 300 homeless students in Henderson County. It is with these and many other accomplishments for the organization last year that they embark on the 2013-2014 school year with a bright hope and ambitious goals.

Only Hope WNC is focused on raising funds and supporting the students, but a second and just as important cause is the publicizing and promotion of the need within our community. The average citizen of Henderson County is oblivious to the problem of youth homelessness in the area. Only Hope exists to serve the homeless youth of WNC by providing a home and services where education, personal growth, and opportunity are supported and encouraged. Only Hope strives to promote the value of education, honor individuality and diversity, nurture respect for self and others, and provide hope for young people in need in the community.

November has been declared Youth Homelessness Awareness Month and *Only Hope WNC* partners with other organizations nation-wide to promote this. *Only Hope WNC* hosts an annual sleepout to raise awareness and funds to help fight youth homelessness, or twelve hours members of the board and community leaders 'sleepout' under the stars (or rain clouds) to raise the awareness and support for *Only Hope WNC*. The 2013 proposed location is the Historic Henderson County Courthouse. This location provides access to our community in a prominent location. It also allows the community to see that their local leaders are taking action to help end a national epidemic.

With Greatest Appreciation and Gratitude,

Michael Absher, *President & Founder* and *Only Hope WNC* Board

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President/ Founder: Michael Absher • Vice President/ Founder: Paige Stack • Secretary/ Treasurer/ Founder: Carol Burke

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PROCLAMATION

Homeless Youth Awareness Day in Henderson County

November 10, 2012

WHEREAS, Only Hope WNC, INC., is a local non-profit whose mission is to promote the value of education, honor individuality and diversity, nurture respect for self and others, and provide hope for young people in need in the community; and

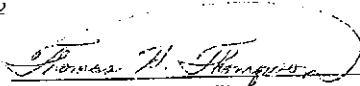
WHEREAS, Only Hope WNC, INC., will be hosting a sleep out on November 9 - November 10 at Rubin Vision Center on the corner of Spartanburg Highway and South Main Street in an effort to draw attention and support for youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, this will lead into a week-long collection from November 12 - November 20, to support both Only Hope and the HELP Program through Henderson County Public Schools; and

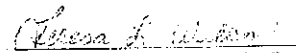
WHEREAS, an effort is being made by the board members of Only Hope WNC, Inc. to raise community wide awareness of homeless youth in Henderson County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners applauds the efforts of those who serve and help fight youth homelessness in Henderson County and does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 10, 2012 as Homeless Youth Awareness Day in Henderson County.

Adopted this 19th Day of October, 2012


Thomas H. Thompson, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Thomas L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board