



HEARTS
WITH-A
MISSION

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Gene Copley. I have known Gene for the last 12 years, and we share the same concern for the well-being of youth in our community. In 2008, a mutual friend of ours asked Gene to help purchase a piece of property to secure as a site for a new youth shelter for homeless & runaway youth in Jackson County.

With the understanding of no guarantee on return of investment, he was willing to help secure the property, and became a strong advocate in helping the shelter come to fruition. Gene helped with the renovation of the building, and encouraged other community members to participate. Hearts With A Mission opened their doors on Dec. 21, 2009 with 17 beds for male & female youth between the ages of 10-17.

Since opening, Hearts With A Mission youth shelter has provided almost 300 youth over 10,000 nights of shelter. Hearts With A Mission is very grateful for his dedication to help make his community stronger, while investing in the future of our youth. I strongly support the character of Gene Copley, and feel he would be an asset to any organization.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lamson
Executive Director
Hearts With A Mission