RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BALDWIN COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CARE House, Inc.)

WHEREAS, the Magnolia Springs Town Council desires to provide certain public services to citizens and visitors to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the CARE House, Inc. can provide those services at less cost and in a more effective manner than the Town can provide.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Magnolia Springs, Alabama, while in regular session on the 28th day of July 2020 at 5:00 pm, that the Town of Magnolia Springs and the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center (CARE House, Inc.) agree as follows;

That Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center (CARE House, Inc.) will provide resources and services to child victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse, their supportive family members, and the community through a multidisciplinary approach while empowering all toward child abuse prevention.

The Town of Magnolia Springs agrees to provide the sum of $500.00 toward the funding of fiscal year 2020-2021.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 28th day of July 2020.

Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jenny Opal White, Town Clerk/Treasurer
June 4, 2020

The Honorable Kim Koniar
Town Council
Town of Magnolia Springs
P.O. Box 890
Magnolia Springs, AL 36555

Re: Financial Request

Dear Mayor Kim Koniar and Town Council Members,

The Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center (CARE House) would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your past support. We are respectfully requesting financial assistance from the Town of Magnolia Springs for the 2020-2021 year so that we may continue to provide vital services to your community residents. The BCCAC is the only child advocacy center in Baldwin County and the only agency in our county providing specially trained counselors and interviewers to work with children who are victims of sexual and severe physical abuse. All victim services are provided at no charge to child victims of abuse and their supportive family members.

The Mission of the BCCAC is to provide resources and services to child victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse, their supportive family members, and the community through a Multidisciplinary Team approach while empowering all toward child abuse prevention. For over 30 years, BCCAC has provided services in a home-like environment to help children and families heal. Currently, BCCAC provides services and resources to over 400 child victims and their supportive family members annually. BCCAC also provides prevention education and safety programs throughout Baldwin County Schools reaching thousands of children and adults each year.

Your assistance will help supply the funds needed for BCCAC to offer the services of an experienced victim and family advocate, two highly qualified, specially trained therapists and forensic interviewers. Also, you will help provide the funds needed for prevention presentations held throughout Baldwin County. We need the help and support of our communities to meet our mission and budget annually.

Through the use of your donated funds, we hope to help achieve normalcy for children and families who come to us after being victimized. Last fiscal year, we provided direct intervention services for 2 children with a Magnolia Springs address. We also offer prevention services to
children in Magnolia Springs schools.

I have enclosed a BCCAC brochure that further describes our services and also provides our website address so that you may review additional information. I will be happy to provide a fund request or any tracked statistical information that may be helpful to you in making your decision.

We are also available to provide a presentation during a city council meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at 251-989-2555. Thank you so much for your time, consideration and past support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Niki Whitaker
Executive Director

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