



Victory Youth Centers C/O Archdiocese of Washington PO Box 29260 WDC 20017

To whom it may concern:

Victory Youth Centers and the Mary Virginia Merrick Recreation Center-located at 4275 4th Street, SE Washington, DC in Ward 8, is very pleased to welcome the YMCA's before school and after school program!

For the past two (2) summers, the YMCA has used the Merrick Center for summer camps. We are so happy they will expand their programming and serve more needy children of the neighborhood.

Many children and families of our neighborhood will greatly benefit from the YMCA's presence! The wonderful programs, organized activities, great staff and leadership will be a valued addition to the Merrick Center.

Classroom/Meeting Room 1 – 700 square feet

Classroom/Meeting Room 2 – 700 square feet

Classroom/Meeting Room 3 – 695 square feet

Pantry - 540 square feet

Gym Area (total) - 10,000 square feet (a dividing curtain that creates two (2) gyms each with an area of 5,000 square feet)

A lead inspection is not required based on the year built (2005) you can not purchase lead based paints (or other materials for that matter that would be a source of concern) in the United States and the project specifications should have a statement in Division 9 (finishes) to that effect. You may need to get a letter (one page, two sentences) from the architect stating this to close the issue.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of the Merrick Center: Julie Donatelli 301-908-1072 or jdonatelli2@verizon.net www.victoryyouthcenters.org

Thank you.

Julie Donatelli, Executive Director

Victory Youth Centers

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia
CASE NO 18518
EXHIBIT NO 31

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March 20, 2013

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW #200
Washington, DC 20001

To The DC Zoning Commission.

This letter is to express St. Thomas More Parish's support for the YMCA's proposal to operate a before and after-care program for children

Our community partner, Victory Youth Center, strives to meet a community need for quality recreational and educational programs during the day, after school and on evenings and weekends. The proposed YMCA program would enhance this goal by providing a quality before and after-care program which can enhance the quality of life for children and families in the Washington Highlands and Ward 8 community

This neighborhood has the highest concentration of children living in poverty and the YMCA's use of the center would further the Victory Youth Center's goal in providing a site for quality youth program.

Previously, the YMCA joined with the Christ Child Society in operating a summer program at the center, "Sophisticated Ladies." The camp was well received and appreciated by both parents and participating children. Therefore, St. Thomas More Parish confidently joins with Victory Youth Center in supporting the YMCA's request to use space at the Victory Youth Center for this program.

Sincerely yours,


Reverend Raymond Moore
Pastor

Christ Child Society D.C

Child Centered Services since 1887

DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW #200
Washington, DC 20001

March 20, 2013

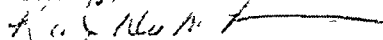
Dear Members of the DC Zoning Commission,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for the YMCA's proposed program at the Mary Virginia Merrick Youth Center

The Christ Child Society has a 125 year history of providing services and assistance to children and families in our community and has participated in a number of partnerships with local organizations such as schools, community health clinics, and after-school programs. The Society has had successful collaborations with the YMCA in recent years and we find it an excellent organization with which to work. Approximately, four years ago, the Society funded a number of camp scholarships so the YMCA could provide a small camp at the Merrick Center for children in the immediate community. Then, last summer we partnered with the Y to provide a recreational component for the Christ Child Society's Sophisticated Ladies Summer Camp. The YMCA provided fun and substantive morning activities for the 30 girls who were enrolled. The Y staff were extremely professional, worked well with our girls and brought their thoughtful, well researched curriculum and activities to the Christ Child campers. In addition, our "Sophisticated Ladies" prepared for and participated in the YMCA's famous "THINGAMAJIG" Convention where students create sculptures out of recycled materials. The group attended the Convention at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro and a couple of our girls won honorable mention for their creations!

The YMCA has been a fabulous partner for the Christ Child Society's Summer Camp Program and we look forward to further collaboration throughout the year with our ongoing Family Support Program, which also takes place at the Merrick Center. The Christ Child Society Family Support Program provides specialized after-school groups, tutoring and book clubs as well as parent support activities which could easily be paired with the YMCA's before and after-care programs. I strongly support the YMCA's proposed use of the space in the Merrick Center. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Curtin

Executive Director



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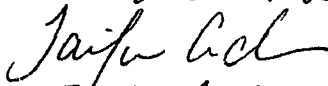
March 19, 2013

To the DC Zoning Commission

I am writing this letter to highly recommend YMCA's proposed before and after-care program in the Victory Youth Center (Merrick Center)

My daughter very much enjoyed her time in the "Sophisticated Ladies" Camp run by the staff of Christ Child Society and the YMCA. The goal of the camp was to help young ladies (ages 7-13) set future goals, expose them to new life experiences, and enable the girls to work together through life issues. The YMCA's efforts provided my daughter with increased self-esteem, enrichment and a summer of fun. I am confident that their potential program in the Merrick Center will bring a positive impact to the youth in our community

Based on my daughter's past experience with the YMCA, I fully support the YMCA's presence in the Victory Youth Center Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

202-705-0112

Tamika Anderson

Atiya Anderson

My name is Atiya. I would like the opportunity for YMCA to come to the Mary Virginia Merrick Recreation Center because I like to dance, model, and swim. Having you here would be a great thing for the kids. We can have fun and learn at the same time.

Name	Age	Grade
Atiya Anderson	10	5th grade

Atiya Anderson