Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative

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To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative, I would like to express our support for the Bennett Beauty Institute. We are excited to have this organization, soon to be known as the Bennett Career Institute, Inc., move to our Brookland neighborhood.

E/BFSC is a neighborhood-based family support network made up of a partnership of residents, community leaders, service providers and other community stakeholders, to ensure that no child is at risk of being removed from his or her family and community. Our mission is to care for children, strengthen families and build stronger communities. Bennett is already a great supporter of our community and has been involved with the Collaborative and served families in through the mini-grant program and other community events.

The Bennett Career Institute, Inc. has added new programs such as: Culinary Arts, Construction, Heating-Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Replacement and Repairs, ~~Cosmetology for the Hearing Impaired and a state-of-the-art Child Development Center.~~ All of these new programs, along with the old programs already in existence, such as Cosmetology and Barber-Styling and Manicuring, will continue to be an asset to this local community. Specifically, by moving into a larger facility, Bennett will be able to work with even more families in the community.

I applaud Bennett for their efforts to instill hope in individuals and to train them to become successful. E/BFSC looks forward to and supports their move to 700 Monroe Street, N.E. in the Brookland community.

Sincerely yours,

Louvenia Williams
Executive Director

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