

**Zoning Commission Case No.: 24-19**  
**Written Testimony of Kenneth Jenkins**

The group home saved my life. I was misguided and in trouble with the law. Used and abused by the psi foster care system. It wasn't until I got in the Umbrella care group home that I started getting proper care. Such as a stable roof over my head, food, mentorship, life skills, and guidance support. As I mentioned, I had trouble with the law, so I had guidance and support with that. Also, I haven't had a problem with breaking the law since receiving life advice that I've received from the group home. I successfully finished my probation at the group home and a system to be prepared for life after foster care. I was mentored, learning financial management life skills that I use to this day. I had resources like educational programs, job training programs, resume building, and financial literacy. It wasn't until I got into the group home that I opened up a bank account and was able to save money to set me up when I aged out of the system. I honestly believe if I didn't go to the Umbrella group home at the time I did, I would've been dead or in prison. Being in the group home was a pivotal moment in my life. It taught me so much which I needed at the age of 19/20 years old. I will always reach out to Mr. Russell to this day for advice 6 years later. The Umbrella group home and Mr. Russell is important to me and have impacted my life.