

**ATTACHMENT 1:**

**IRS Determination Letter/Proof of 501(c)(3) status**



**IRS** Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati OH 45201

In reply refer to: 0248153327  
Mar. 08, 2013 LTR 4168C E0  
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SHELTER INC  
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BENTONVILLE AR 72712-5688

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Employer Identification Number: 58-1984893  
Person to Contact: Ms. Espelage  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Feb. 27, 2013, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in April 1992.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section 509(a)(2).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number  
shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard McKee*

Richard McKee, Department Manager  
Accounts Management Operations

## ATTACHMENT 2:

### Public Hearing

- Emails to Superintendents from impacted districts
- Public Hearing sign-in sheet
- Copies of posted notices
- List of additional methods of outreach and recipients
- Copy of Public Hearing presentation



Jake Gibbs &lt;jgibbs@nwacs.org&gt;

## Announcement for open-enrollment charter application

2 messages

Jake Gibbs &lt;jgibbs@nwacs.org&gt;

Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 12:04 PM

To: Debbie Jones <djones@bentonvillek12.org>, marlin.berry@rpsar.net, richard.page@gravetteschools.net, swatkins@decatursd.com, tmetz@gentrypioneers.com, ken.ramey@siloomschools.com, rneal@pearidgek12.com, johnl.colbert@fayar.net, jrollins@sdale.org  
Cc: Maury Peterson <mpeterson@nwacs.org>

On behalf of The Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter, Inc. (NWACS), we are notifying your district of our intent to be the sponsoring entity to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school in Bentonville, Arkansas, to be located within the boundaries of the Bentonville Public School District.

Since 1993, NWACS has cared for more than 10,000 children from throughout the state of Arkansas who are victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect. The Emergency/Residential Program is our flagship program which ensures 24/7 care for these children by meeting each child's basic needs. In 1998, NWACS established an on-site school, under the auspices of the Bentonville Public Schools, to meet the specific educational needs of the children residing at NWACS. In this trauma-informed environment, students benefit from small classroom sizes taught by state-certified teachers trained in meeting the specialized classroom needs of children who have experienced trauma.

The goal of establishing the open-enrollment charter school is to expand our education services to children throughout Northwest Arkansas who have experienced traumatic events and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) that have led to significant setbacks in their education. The school will focus on cultivating academic success of students by first identifying and meeting physical, emotional and psychological needs. Instruction will provide a combination of blended and experiential learning scaffolded with routines, structure and research-based behavioral support. The school will also provide wrap-around services to the families of the students by providing trauma-informed training programs and assistance in meeting basic needs, such as meals, snacks, clothing and referrals to other needed services.

We are excited to offer this new opportunity to students who have experienced trauma. We would love to extend an invitation for you to visit our campus and learn more about our programs on the week of March 18th. If you have availability, please respond to this e-mail and I will schedule an appointment. This would also give us an opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our charter school application.

We're looking forward to working with you to provide a brighter future for children in crisis.

Thank you,

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**Jake Gibbs**

**Director of Education**

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**Jake Gibbs** <jgibbs@nwacs.org>  
To: Rick Neal <rneal@pearidgek12.com>

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:32 PM

Mr. Neal,

Please find attached our notice of public hearing for open-enrollment charter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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**Jake Gibbs** <jgibbs@nwacs.org>  
To: johnl.colbert@fayar.net

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:25 PM

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To: jrollins@sdale.org

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:24 PM

Dr. Rollins,  
Please find attached our notice of public hearing for open-enrollment charter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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To: ken.ramey@siloomschools.com

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:23 PM

Mr. Ramey,  
Please find attached out notice of public hearing for open-enrollment charter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:21 PM

To: Terrie Metz &lt;tmetz@gentrypioneers.com&gt;

Ms. Metz,

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Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:20 PM

To: swatkins@decatursd.com

Mr. Watkins,  
Please find attached out notice of public hearing for open-enrollment charter. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:19 PM

To: Richard Page &lt;richard.page@gravetteschools.net&gt;

Dr. Page,

Please find attached out notice of public hearing for open-enrollment charter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:18 PM

To: marlin.berry@rpsar.net

Dr. Barry,  
Please find attached out notice of public hearing for open-enrollment charter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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**Jake Gibbs** <jgibbs@nwacs.org>

Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 9:30 AM

To: Rick Neal &lt;rneal@pearidgek12.com&gt;

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To: ken.ramey@siloomschools.com

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PLEASE PRINT: FIRST AND LAST NAME
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Kyle Peterson
Sam Bryant
EMILY Reynolds
Kate Lunsford
Regina Callaway
Delinda Mace
Shawna Hoff
Paula Marshall
Vanessa
BRANDY SHOYAMA
Mary Gibbs
Cliff Galt
Clara Galt
MJ Rinaldo



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Andrew Dias -
Melissa Annunzio
Molly Hendren
Tammy Hendren
Groce Weidernhoff
Adam Martin
James Denning
Cassie Howard
Blanca Esterez
Latonna Humphrey
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Erica Zubn'ski
Eala Chogioji
Rishka Bakke

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Tamara Dias-Jayasinghe
Amy Jackson
Tamara Cobson
Felicia Pettit
Liz Anderson
Haden Shephard
Dave Peronek
Meta Bodewes
Erica Boughtman
Dart Hester
Ood Melinny
Melissa Helder
Gregg Helder
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JOETTA SCHORK
Lori Collins
Lee & Janice DuChanois
Early Mallow
Judith Yanez
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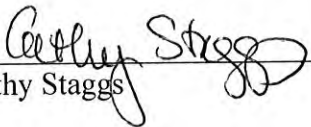
## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Cathy Staggs, do solemnly swear that I am the Accounting Manager of the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, printed and published in Washington County and Benton County, Arkansas, and of bona fide circulation, that from my own personal knowledge and reference to the files of said publication, the advertisement of:

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Cathy Staggs

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of Apr, 2019.

  
Sandra G. Robinson  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 3-16-25

The Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter, Inc. plans to submit an application to the Arkansas Department of Education to open a public trauma-informed charter school in Bentonville, AR.

### Notice of Public Hearing

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Bentonville Community Center  
1101 SW Citizens Circle

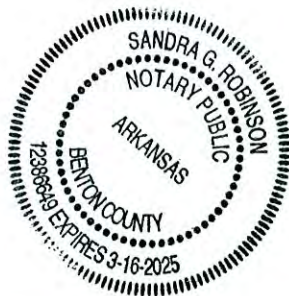
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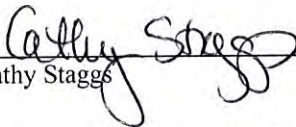
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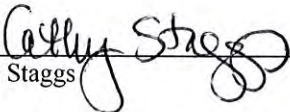
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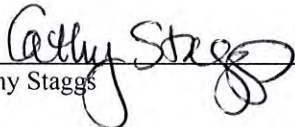
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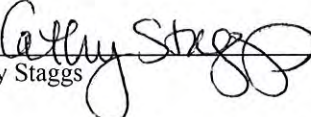
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Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter, Inc. planea presentar una solicitud al Departamento de Educación de Arkansas para abrir una escuela charter informada sobre el trauma en Bentonville, AR.

### Aviso de audiencia pública

Miercoles 10 de abril

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Centro Comunitario de Bentonville

1101 SW Citizens Circle

Únase a nosotros para obtener más información sobre nuestro modelo de escuela y el enfoque educativo a medida que ampliamos nuestra misión de proporcionar programas muy necesarios para los niños de nuestra comunidad. Preguntas? [jgibbs@nwacs.org](mailto:jgibbs@nwacs.org)



Nuestra misión es proporcionar un refugio seguro, atención de alta calidad y esperanza para el futuro de los niños que han sido abandonados, abusados o descuidados.  
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Pea Ridge Times	newspaper	1,787	Ad featured 3/20, 3/27, 4/3
La Prensa	newspaper	42,000	Ad featured 3/20, 3/27, 4/3
Weekly Vista	newspaper	6,369	Ad featured 3/20, 3/27, 4/3
Facebook Event on NWACS Facebook page	social media	2,000	Posted 3/20, boosted 3/27
Post on NWACS LinkedIn page	social media	623	Posted 3/27
The CALL in NWA	social media	4,800	Awaiting Confirmation of Receipt
Area 1 DHS	social media	14,616	Awaiting Confirmation of Receipt
Public Hearing fliers distributed at The Shelter Shop	direct contact with customers	100	distribution began 3/30
Public Hearing flier sent to Counselors and Social Workers in Rogers and Bentonville Public Schools	email	55	sent 4/1
NWACS email subscribers	email	8793	sent 4/2
Posted on Maury Peterson LinkedIn	social media	30,000	Posted 4/2
Boys & Girls Club of Benton County email to stakeholders	email	41	sent 4/2
Email to Bentonville Public School leadership team	email	5	sent 4/2
Email to Ozark Guidance team	email	5	sent 4/2
Email to Harvey Pediatrics team	email	3	sent 4/2
Email sent to NWACS volunteers	email	143	sent 4/2
Rogers Lowell Chamber of Commerce Member News	email	2,800	sent 4/3
Rogers Lowell Chamber of Commerce	Facebook	6,173	sent 4/3
Springdale Chamber of Commerce Enewsletter	email	3,000	distribution 4/8
Springdale Chamber of Commerce	Facebook	3,918	sent 4/3
3W Magazine	Facebook	3,687	posted 4/3
Press release of public hearing to local media	email		
42 Foster and Adoptive Parents (Selected from Washington and Benton Counties)	Email	42	sent 4/8
		<b>247,661</b>	



## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Proposed Trauma-Informed  
K-6 Public Charter School

April 10, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Bentonville Community Center



## **AGENDA**

- » **Welcome & Introductions:**  
Emily Reynolds, Board President,  
NWA Children's Shelter
  
- » **About NWACS, Sponsoring Entity:**  
Maury Peterson, Executive Director,  
NWA Children's Shelter
  
- » **Trauma-Informed Open-Enrollment  
Public Charter School:**  
Jake Gibbs, Director of Education,  
NWA Children's Shelter
  
- » **Q&A**





# INTRODUCING OUR TEAM



## NWACS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Emily Reynolds, Board President**  
Associate Counsel, Walmart

**Chris Lamson, Board Vice President**  
SVP of Corporate Strategy & General  
Manager Breeder's Choice, Central Garden  
and Pet

**Van Bakke, Board Secretary**  
VP Sales/Operations, PepsiCo

**Dustin Colebank, Board Treasurer**  
First VP, Morgan-Stanley Wealth  
Management

**Steve Bratspies, Chief Merchandising Officer, Walmart**

**Brent Campbell, CFO, Jumpstart Foundry**

**Lori Collins, Community Volunteer**

**Dr. Curt Hedberg, Physician, Hedberg Allergy & Asthma Center**

**State Senator Bart Hester, Arkansas District 1**

**Amy Merryman, Manager, Whitaker Properties**

**Tony Rogers, Chief Member Officer, Sam's Club**

**Jeff Spillyards, Senior Associate Counsel, Walmart**

**Rick Webb, Co-Founder and Director, Grit Studios**

**Mary Zettle, Director of Sales, General Mills**

**Erica Zubriski, VP Sales, Mattel**



## OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Maury Peterson, MSW**  
Executive Director

**Rick Brazile**  
Sr. Director of Finance and Administration

**Liz Anderson, MA**  
Sr. Director of Development and Marketing

**Jake Gibbs, MA**  
Director of Education

**James Denning**  
Director of Social Services



## OUR EDUCATION TEAM

**Jake Gibbs**  
MA, Education Administration  
15 years experience teaching in special education and alternative learning environments

**Grace Weiderhaft**  
BA, Secondary Education and German , MA, Educational Studies, Certified English 4-12

**Samantha Bryant**  
BS, Elementary Education  
Certified K-6 in all subjects, K-12 Reading, K-12 ESL, Response to Intervention

**Felicia Pettit**  
BA, Early Childhood education, Certified K-6 Education

**Shannon Goff**, Education Coordinator

**Paulette Nesbit**, Intervention Aide

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter is to provide a safe haven, high-quality care and hope for the future to children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

**1993** - the Shelter’s first home is a 15,000 sq ft facility with residential space for up to 12 girls.

**2011** - the Shelter expands to a 65,000 sq ft facility. The current 80-acre campus includes residential wings, a recreation building with full-size gym, classrooms, two outdoor playscapes, a mountain bike trail and pump track.





## ABOUT THE NWA CHILDREN'S SHELTER

» **25-Year History:**

Since 1993, NWACS has cared for more than 11,000 children from throughout the state of Arkansas. Our programs include:

- 24/7 Emergency Residential Shelter
- On-Site School
- Activities Program
- Nutrition Program
- Respite Services
- Foster Parent Training

» **Need for Targeted Educational Services:**

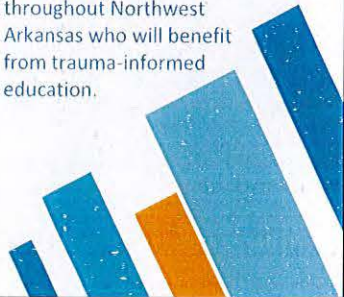
In 1998, NWACS established an on-site school, in partnership with Bentonville Public Schools, to meet the specific educational needs of the children residing at the Shelter.

» **Successful Model:**

21 years of experience: Students at the Shelter's on-site school benefit from small classroom sizes with a curriculum designed to meet the specialized needs of children who have experienced trauma. For many, this is their first positive educational experience.

» **Expansion of Services:**

Building on our history: We want to bring our successful education model to children throughout Northwest Arkansas who will benefit from trauma-informed education.



## OUR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Emergency Shelter  
& Respite Services

Trauma-Informed  
Open-Enrollment  
Charter School

Parent Training  
Program

The Shelter Shop







## WHAT IS AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL?

- » An open-enrollment charter school is a public school
- » A charter school is free (no tuition)
- » Curriculum is flexible but must meet standards outlined in the charter that is approved by the Arkansas Department of Education
- » The school is accountable to parents and the public
- » The school can draw students from across district boundaries
- » The school fulfills a unique educational need



# OUR CHARTER SCHOOL NAME IS COMING SOON!

TO OPEN FALL 2020




## WHY DOES NWACS WANT TO START AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL?

- » To build on our history and experience serving children who have experienced trauma
- » To expand our educational services to children throughout the Northwest Arkansas community who have experienced traumatic events and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) that have led to significant setbacks in their education
- » To provide an educational space for learners with unique needs
- » To partner with the entire family to help more children thrive
- » To partner with area public school districts to help meet the individual learning needs of students




## WHAT DOES TRAUMA-INFORMED MEAN?

Our school community and instruction will cater to students who have experienced trauma in their past. Examples of trauma include:

- » Child abuse - physical, sexual or emotional
  - » Physical, emotional or educational neglect
  - » Abandonment
  - » Time in foster care
  - » Witness to domestic violence
  - » Experience living in a chronically chaotic environment in which housing and/or financial resources are not consistently available
  - » Experience living with household dysfunction (mental illness, substance abuse, incarcerated relatives, absent parent)
- 




## WHAT IS OUR TRAUMA-INFORMED EDUCATION MODEL?

- » To build on our 20+ years of education excellence best practices serving children who have experienced trauma
  - » To provide a team-based approach to foster student success by understanding and meeting physiological, social, and emotional needs of students
  - » To utilize small class sizes, small groups and 1:1 time
  - » To create an environment where students feel safe as they learn to cope and manage behavior
  - » To emphasize self-reflection and self-care for staff
- 




## WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL UNIQUE?

- » Our trauma-informed school would be the first of its kind in the state of Arkansas
  - » All staff and teachers receive 40+ hours annually of trauma-informed training
  - » We focus on placing the families at the center to help students thrive
  - » We provide wraparound services to support the entire family
  - » We offer smaller classrooms with more individualized attention for students
  - » We utilize evidence-based behavior intervention tools that help students thrive
  - » Our school setting has 80 acres for more outdoor, hands-on learning opportunities
  - » We can offer counseling, therapy, and additional services as needed
  - » We will partner with area school districts to help students who may be in need of a smaller, more trauma-informed learning environment
- 



## HOW WILL OUR SCHOOL BE FUNDED?

- » Primary funding from the State of Arkansas Education- foundation funds
  - » Secondary funding from grants and contributions from foundations, corporations and individuals in the community
  - » We will benefit from shared costs spread across other NWACS programs
- 

## OUR LOCATION AND FACILITIES

14100 Vaughn Road, Bentonville, AR 72713

- » Located in Highfill approximately 15 minutes west of downtown Bentonville
- » School sits on a beautiful 80 acre campus
- » The facility features a full-size gym, fully-staffed kitchen that provides breakfast and lunch each day, multiple outdoor recreation areas (baseball field, soccer field and bike trail), spacious classrooms, and a library






## ACADEMICS OVERVIEW

### Mastery of Arkansas State Standards

- » Arkansas law recognizes that "students in Arkansas deserve the best education that the citizens can provide." This education must produce academically competent students who can demonstrate their competency in the core curriculum and who can apply their knowledge and skills.

### Understanding by Design Framework

- » Understanding by Design is an educational planning approach that focuses on student outcomes to design classroom instruction.
- 



## ACADEMICS OVERVIEW

### Project-Based Learning

- » Students will apply knowledge and skills through engaging and challenging projects directly tied to the community.

### Evidence-based models of behavior modification

- » Conscious Discipline, Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) and Managing Aggressive Behaviors (MAB)
- 



## PROPOSED SCHOOL SCHEDULE

TIME	1	2	3	4	5	6
7:20-7:50	Arrive/Breakfast	Arrive/Breakfast	Arrive/Breakfast	Arrive/Breakfast	Arrive/Breakfast	Arrive/Breakfast
7:50-9:50	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
9:50-11:00	Math Block Part A	Math Block Part A	Math Block Part A	Math Block Part A	PE / Health	PE / Health
11:00-11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Recess	Recess	CTE/ Fine Arts	CTE/ Fine Arts
11:30-12:10	Recess	Recess	Lunch	Lunch	Math	Math
12:10-12:30	Math Block Part B	Math Block Part B	Specials	Specials	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Science/ Social Studies	SELF Part A	Math Block Part B	Math Block Part B	Social Studies	Social Studies
1:30-2:10	Specials	Specials	Science/ Social Studies	Science/ Social Studies	Science	Science
1:40-2:50	SELF	SELF Part B	SELF	SELF	SELF	SELF



## PROPOSED SPECIALS

K-4	K	1	2	3	4
MONDAY	Art	PE	SELF	Computer Lab	Music
TUESDAY	Music	Art	Computer Lab	PE	SELF
WEDNESDAY	PE	Music	Art	SELF	Computer Lab
THURSDAY	Computer Lab	SELF	Music	Art	PE
FRIDAY	SELF	Computer Lab	PE	Music	Art

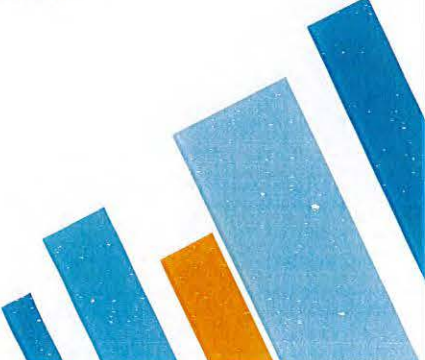


## NUTRITION PROGRAM

- » Hot breakfast and lunch prepared and served daily by a trained chef and dietary staff
- » Balanced protein and plant-based diet
- » Snacks provided throughout the day in accordance with a positive behavioral support philosophy
- » Teaching garden on campus to involve the students in growing vegetables for their meals
- » Potential to include nutritional support for families outside of school hours



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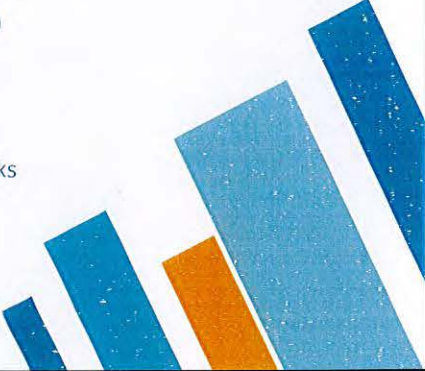
- » The school is committed to providing transportation for our students
  - » We are considering options that will serve our families and students in the safest, most efficient way possible
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## PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES

### Wraparound Services

- » Partner with parents to support the whole family
  - » Meet with families before school begins to listen to their needs
  - » Counseling and behavior management consultation for children and families
  - » Parent support classes and training
  - » Vouchers for clothing and other basic supplies
  - » Potential to send some meals home and provide weekend snacks
  - » Referrals to additional services needed
  - » Potential for afterschool and summer camp programming
- 



## FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

As we partner with families to ensure the academic success of each child, we will strongly encourage the families to:

- » Provide input on school programs
- » Attend and participate in family/school events
- » Communicate your needs to us
- » Serve on parent committees as a school partner



## CHECKLIST

Is our charter school  
a good option for  
your family?

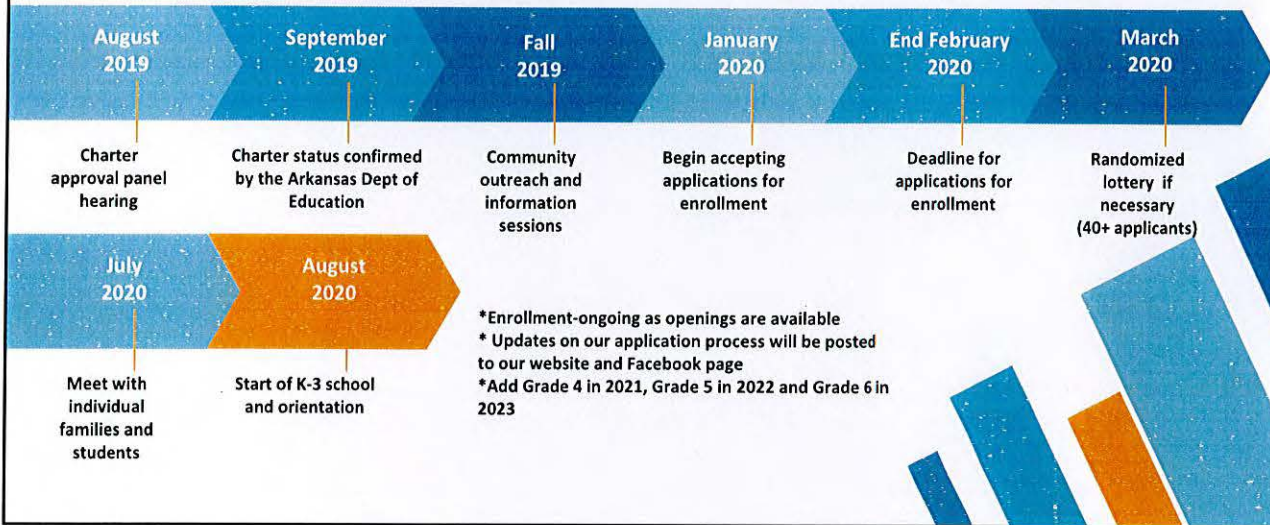
- ✓ Your child has been in the foster care system
- ✓ Your child has experienced trauma or adverse childhood experiences (abuse, abandonment, neglect)
- ✓ Your child thrives when routine and structure are emphasized
- ✓ Your child thrives with small group and 1:1 instruction
- ✓ Your child thrives with highly individualized instruction
- ✓ Your child benefits from a classroom setting that will not overwhelm him/her
- ✓ Your child benefits from a supportive environment that can help manage difficult emotions and behaviors and ensure academic progress
- ✓ Your child benefits from additional services such as counseling, therapy and wrap-around services for the entire family

## OPEN ENROLLMENT AND LOTTERY PROCESS

The proposed school will open serving students K-3rd Grade from throughout Northwest Arkansas

- » Each grade will have one class with a cap of 10 students in each class
- » Applications may be submitted starting in January of 2020 with a deadline set for an as yet to be determined date in February 2020
- » If there are more applications than available openings, a randomized lottery will be held on a grade-by-grade basis by an independent agency

# PROPOSED TIMELINE



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



# THANK YOU!

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  - » Follow us on Facebook! @childrens.shelter  
or Instagram @nwachildreSSHelter
  - » **Please indicate your support by signing an endorsement card  
before leaving tonight!**
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## ATTACHMENT 3:

### Evidence of Community Support

- Dr. Joseph Steinmetz, Chancellor, University of Arkansas
- Kathy Smith, Senior Education Advisor, Walton Family Foundation
- Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent, Bentonville Public Schools
- Bart Hester, Arkansas State Senator
- List of additional individuals who have endorsed the charter school



# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

April 16, 2019

Office of the Chancellor

Commissioner Johnny Key  
Arkansas Department of Education  
#4 Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR

Dear Commissioner Key,

This letter is submitted in support of the application proposal to establish an open-enrollment public charter school on the campus of the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter in Bentonville, Arkansas. The proposed open-enrollment charter school will focus on serving children who have experienced trauma, making it the first such school of its kind in the state.

For years, researchers and practitioners have known that traumatic experiences in childhood can lead to poor academic and life outcomes. Students suffering from trauma (and a related concept, toxic stress) benefit from connecting with multiple supportive resources to address their needs. The proposed new school will employ evidence-based models, dedicated professionals, and targeted services that will help children across Northwest Arkansas overcome the obstacles associated with trauma and toxic stress.

For more than a quarter of a century, the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter has been a leader in serving the needs of Arkansas children who have experienced trauma. Through their mission to provide a safe haven, high-quality care and hope for the future for children who have been abused, abandoned and neglected, the organization has successfully served more than 11,000 children in crisis. In addition, in 1998, the shelter established a school on campus to address the education needs of the children residing there. The school actively partners with the Bentonville Public Schools to serve all of the education needs of the children. To date, the existing school has successfully served thousands of children using a trauma-informed approach. The addition of an open-enrollment public charter school on the campus would allow the shelter to expand their education services to serve even more vulnerable children in our community.

I value the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter mission and believe that the addition of this trauma-informed school will be an asset to Northwest Arkansas and the state as a whole. Most of all, I believe it will make a tremendous difference in the lives of countless children in need and their families.

Sincerely,

Joseph Steinmetz, PhD  
Chancellor, University of Arkansas

WALTON FAMILY  
FOUNDATION

April 10, 2019

Commissioner Johnny Key  
Arkansas Department of Education  
#4 Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR

Dear Commissioner Key,

I am writing on behalf of the open-enrollment charter application for the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter.

The Children's Shelter has been a very strong organization in our community, serving children that need them the most, for more than two decades. As such, the Shelter enjoys robust community and philanthropic support to serve children aligned with their mission, as well as critical connections within the region that allow them to respond quickly and appropriately to children's needs.

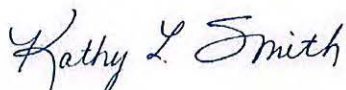
As our broader community grows, the Shelter has seen a need for expanded services to include an open-enrollment public charter school to serve more children who have experienced traumatic situations, and could greatly benefit from a small, nurturing environment within a proven organization that specializes in support systems which address these challenges.

Many of the most critical factors for success of an open-enrollment charter are established at the Shelter, including a wonderful facility, wrap around services, and strong leadership and governance. The Shelter has also established a partnership with the Bentonville Public School District, providing another proof point that traditional district/open-enrollment charter partnerships can work well.

For these and other reasons, if the charter is approved by the Authorizing Panel and confirmed by the State Board of Education, the school would qualify for a charter start up grant from the foundation, in the amount of \$325,000.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Kathy Smith  
Senior Education Advisor



where excellence lives

April 8, 2019

Dear State Board Members,

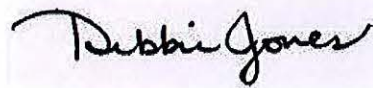
It is an honor for me to write a letter of support for the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter application for an Open Enrollment Charter School. Bentonville administration has been through this collaborative process with the NWACS' leadership since the inception of the idea.

As shared in the CDC-Kaiser ACE Study, about 12% of adults suffer from four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences which impact adult health and success. We see students living these ACEs as children and displaying extreme behaviors. We believe the earlier we can intervene with positive counseling, parent support, medical and educational tools, the greater chance these children have for a happy and healthy life.

The NWACS has the facility, outdoor space, leadership and educational as well as behavior modification training to create an environment best suited for the students unique needs. The leadership found in Maury Peterson and Jake Gibbs as well as the committed support of the NWACS Board will provide the standard of care necessary to make this a success.

The common concerns I had as a Charter Authorization Board Member have been addressed in the NWACS application. Because they have served students educationally, they have a good grasp of what is required to serve students. Most importantly they are asking for this Charter not in order to make money but to serve the students who need it most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Jones".

Debbie Jones, Ph.D.

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April 17, 2019

Mr. Reginald Ballard, Director  
Charter School Office  
Arkansas Department of Education  
4 State Capitol Mall, Room 304-B  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter as it applies to the Arkansas Department of Education to add an open-enrollment charter school to serve children who have experienced trauma. The proposed charter school would open in 2020 to become the first of its kind in the state. It would initially open for students in kindergarten through third grades, then add one grade level each subsequent year to educate students who need specialized teaching and support. The facility will greatly benefit children who have suffered traumatic experiences by providing them with a learning environment in which they can be healthy and successful.

This endeavor would be an asset to Northwest Arkansas and the entire state, and I respectfully ask you to give their application every possible consideration. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bart Hester".

Bart Hester  
Senate Majority Leader  
District 1

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**Public Hearing held April 10, 2019**

**60 Attendees**

**46 Signed Endorsement Cards**

Adam Martin  
Early Mallow  
Cassie Howard  
Judith Yanez  
Eala Chogyoji  
Dustin Colebank  
Mary Gibbs  
Claudia Gibbs  
Cliff Gibbs  
Haden Shepherd  
Debbie Jones  
Erica Boughfman  
DeLinda Mace  
Michelle Rieff  
Joetta Schork  
James Denning  
Grace Wiederhaft  
Jake Stallard  
Tamara Gibson  
Kate Watson  
Brandy Shioyama  
LaDonna Humphrey  
Andrew Dias-Jayasinghe  
Finn Peterson  
Tamara Dias-Jayasinghe  
Rick Webb  
Joshua McKinney  
Amy Jackson  
Mary Jo Rivaldo  
Sam Bryant  
Josh Hanna  
Erica Zubriski  
Alisha Bakke  
Van Bakke  
Meta Bodewes  
Lindsay Rushing  
Bart Hester  
Molly Hendren  
Melissa Church

Mary Zettle  
Kyle Peterson  
Sheryl Brazile  
Maury Peterson  
Kate Lunsford  
Raegin Callaway  
Liz Anderson

**Additional letters of support received from:**

Dick Trammel, Former Director of the  
Arkansas State Highway Commission and  
Retired Arvest Bank Executive

Whitaker Family Foundation

Arkansas State Senator Jim Hendren

**ATTACHMENT 4:**  
**2020/2021 Proposed School Calendar**

# NWACS Charter School 2020-2021 Calendar

JULY 2020						
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SEPTEMBER 2020						
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- Aug 4-6: Professional Development
- Aug 7: Teacher Work Day
- Aug 10-11: Professional Development
- Aug 12: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Begins- School Starts
- Sept 7: Labor Day- No School
- Oct 9: 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Ends
- Oct 12-13: Holiday- No School
- Oct 14: Teacher Work Day
- Oct 15: 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Begins
- Nov 23-27: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 18: 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Ends
- Dec 21-Jan 5: Winter Break
- Jan 4-5: Teacher Work Days
- Jan 6: 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Begins
- Jan 18: MLK Day- No School
- Feb 15: Professional Development
- Mar 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Ends
- Mar 15: 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Begins
- Mar 22-26: Spring Break
- April 5: Professional Development
- May 27: 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Ends- Last Day of School
- May 28: Teacher Work Day
- June 1-2: Teacher Work Day

Days in 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 42      Days in 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 46  
 Days in 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 42      Days in 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 48  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sem: 84                      2<sup>nd</sup> Sem: 94

Student Days: 178  
 Teacher Work Days: 7  
 Professional Development Days: 7  
 Total Contract Days: 192

Inclement Weather Makeup Days: February 15,  
 March 22, May 28, June 1, 2, 3, 4

*\*NWACS reserves the right to amend the calendar  
 in the event of excessive days missed.*

Professional Development Day
Teacher Work Day
Vacation/Holiday- No School
Quarter Begins
Quarter Ends

JANUARY 2021						
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JUNE 2021						
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**ATTACHMENT 5:**

**The 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Salary Schedule and Budget  
Template**

**2019 Application  
Open-Enrollment Public Charter School  
Personnel Salary Schedule**

<b>Administrative Positions:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
Line #	Principal (Position exists within shelter - not incremental)				
1					
2	Educational Specialist	1	\$42,000.00	1	\$43,260.00
3	<b>Subtotal:</b>		\$42,000.00		\$43,260.00
4	Fringe Benefits (rate used 25 %)		\$10,500.00		\$10,815.00
5	<b>Total Administrative Positions:</b>		\$52,500.00		\$54,075.00

<b>Regular Classroom Instruction:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
6	Teachers	4	\$43,000.00	5	\$44,032.00
7	Aides	8	\$25,000.00	10	\$25,600.00
8	<b>Subtotal:</b>		\$372,000.00		\$476,160.00
9	Teacher Fringe Benefits (rate used 25 %)		\$43,000.00		\$55,040.00
10	Aide Fringe Benefits (rate used 25 %)		\$50,000.00		\$64,000.00
11	<b>Total Regular Classroom Instruction:</b>		\$465,000.00		\$595,200.00

<b>Special Education:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
12	Teachers	1	\$50,000.00	1	\$51,500.00
13	Aides				
14	<b>Subtotal:</b>		\$50,000.00		\$51,500.00
15	Teacher Fringe Benefits (rate used 25 %)		\$12,500.00		\$12,875.00
16	Aide Fringe Benefits (rate used 25 %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
17	<b>Total Special Education:</b>		\$62,500.00		\$64,375.00

<b>Gifted and Talented Program:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
18	Teachers				
19	Aides				
20	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
21	Teacher Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
22	Aide Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
23	<b>Total Gifted and Talented Program:</b>		\$0.00		\$0.00

<b>Alternative Education Program/ Alternative Learning Environments:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
24	Teachers				
25	Aides				
26	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
27	Teacher Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
28	Aide Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
29	<b>Total Alternative Education Program/ Alternative Learning Environments:</b>		\$0.00		\$0.00

<b>English Language Learner Program:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
30					
31	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
32	Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
33	<b>Total English Language Learner Program:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Guidance Services:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
34	Counselor (Will use our existing case managers and Ozark Guidance)				
35	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
36	Fringe Benefits (rate used <u>25</u> %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
37	<b>Total Guidance Services:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Health Services:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
38	Contracted OPTST				
39	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
40	Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
41	<b>Total Health Services:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Media Services:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
42					
43	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
44	Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
45	<b>Total Media Services:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Services:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
46	Will use existing backoffice of the organization				
47	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
48	Fringe Benefits (rate used <u>25</u> %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
49	<b>Total Fiscal Services:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Maintenance and Operation:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
50	Will use existing maintenance staff of the organization				
51	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
52	Fringe Benefits (rate used <u>25</u> %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
53	<b>Total Maintenance and Operation:</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Pupil Transportation:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
54	Bus drivers _____	1.5	\$20,800.00	1.5	\$21,424.00
55	<b>Subtotal:</b>		\$31,200.00		\$32,136.00
56	Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
57	<b>Total Pupil Transportation:</b>		\$31,200.00		\$32,136.00

<b>Food Services:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
58	Will use existing kitchen and dining staff of the organization _____				
59	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
60	Fringe Benefits (rate used <u>25</u> %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
61	<b>Total Food Services:</b>		\$0.00		\$0.00

<b>Data Processing:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
62	Will use the existing contracted services of the organization _____				
63	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
64	Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
65	<b>Total Data Processing:</b>		\$0.00		\$0.00

<b>Substitute Personnel:</b>		2020-2021 No. FTEs	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 No. FTEs	2021-2022 Salary
66	Number of <b>Certified</b> Substitutes _____				
67	Number of <b>Classified</b> Substitutes _____				
68	<b>Subtotal:</b>				
69	Certified Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
70	Classified Fringe Benefits (rate used _____ %)		\$0.00		\$0.00
71	<b>Total Substitute Personnel:</b>		\$0.00		\$0.00

72	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SALARIES:</b>		\$611,200.00		\$745,786.00
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**2019 Application  
Open-Enrollment Public Charter School  
Estimated Budget Template**

**REVENUES**

<b>State Public Charter School Aid:</b>				<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
<i>Line #</i>	<b>2020-2021</b>				
1	Number of Students	40 X \$6,781.00	State Foundation Funding	<u>\$271,240.00</u>	
2	Number of Students	40 X \$27.40	Professional Development	<u>\$1,096.00</u>	
3	Number of Students	X	NSL Funding (Select One)	<u>                    </u>	
4	Number of Students	40 X \$500.00	Other: <i>Explain Below</i>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	
		Charter Facility Fund - open enrollment funding for capital			
5	Number of Students	X	Other: <i>Explain Below</i>	<u>                    </u>	
6	Number of Students	X	Other: <i>Explain Below</i>	<u>                    </u>	
7	Number of Students	X	Other: <i>Explain Below</i>	<u>                    </u>	
8	Number of Students	X	Other: <i>Explain Below</i>	<u>                    </u>	
	<b>2021-2022</b>				
9	Number of Students	50 X \$6,781.00	State Foundation Funding		<u>\$339,050.00</u>
10	Number of Students	50 X \$27.40	Professional Development		<u>\$1,370.00</u>
11	Number of Students	X	NSL Funding (Select One)		<u>                    </u>
12	Number of Students	50 X \$500.00	Other: <i>Explain Below</i>		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
		Charter Facility Fund - open enrollment funding for capital			
13	<b>Total State Public Charter School Aid:</b>			<u>\$292,336.00</u>	<u>\$365,420.00</u>
	<b>Federal Charter School Aid:</b>			<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
14	Title I			<u>\$16,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
15	Special Education			<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
16	Child Nutrition			<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	Other:				
17	Title 2			<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
18	Title 4			<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
19	<b>Total Federal Charter School Aid:</b>			<u>\$39,000.00</u>	<u>\$39,000.00</u>
	<b>Other Sources of Revenues:</b>			<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
	<i>(MUST UPLOAD DOCUMENTATION VERIFYING ALL AMOUNTS LISTED AS OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE)</i>				
20	Private Donations or Gifts			<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
21	Special Grants <i>(List the amount)</i>			<u>\$325,000.00</u>	<u>                    </u>
	Other <i>(Specifically Describe)</i>				
22	Group Home Program Fund			<u>\$174,000.00</u>	<u>\$484,000.00</u>
23	<b>Total Other Sources of Revenues:</b>			<u>\$499,000.00</u>	<u>\$484,000.00</u>
24	<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>			<u>\$830,336.00</u>	<u>\$888,420.00</u>

## EXPENDITURES

<b>Administration:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
25	Salaries and Benefits	\$52,500.00	\$54,075.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
26	V - AD 1 Copier lease and maintenance (allocated)		
27	Supplies and Materials	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
28	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
29	Board expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00
30	Education, recruiting, memberships and publications	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
31	<b>Total Administration:</b>	<b>\$57,500.00</b>	<b>\$59,075.00</b>
<b>Regular Classroom Instruction:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
32	Salaries and Benefits	\$465,000.00	\$595,200.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
33	V - CI 1		
34	Supplies and Materials	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00
35	Equipment	\$23,200.00	\$5,800.00
	Other (List Below)		
36	Activities and experiential learning	\$16,000.00	\$20,000.00
37	Continuing education	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
38	<b>Total Regular Classroom Instruction:</b>	<b>\$510,700.00</b>	<b>\$628,100.00</b>
<b>Special Education:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
39	Salaries and Benefits	\$62,500.00	\$64,375.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
40	V - SE 1		
41	Supplies and Materials		
42	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
43	Continuing education	\$500.00	\$500.00
44	<b>Total Special Education:</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>	<b>\$64,875.00</b>
<b>Gifted and Talented Program:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
45	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
46	V - GT 1		
47	Supplies and Materials		
48	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
49			
50	<b>Total Gifted and Talented Program:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Alternative Education Program/ Alternative Learning Environments:</b>		<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
51	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
52	V - ALE 1 _____		
53	Supplies and Materials		
54	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
55	_____		
56	<b>Total Alternative Education Program/ Alternative Learning Environments:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>English Language Learner Program:</b>		<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
57	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
58	V - ELL 1 _____		
59	Supplies and Materials		
60	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
61	_____		
62	<b>Total English Language Learner Program:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Guidance Services:</b>		<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
63	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
64	V - GS 1 Provided by Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter		
65	Supplies and Materials		
66	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
67	_____		
68	<b>Total Guidance Services:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Health Services:</b>		<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
69	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
70	V - HS 1 Contracted PTOTST	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
71	Supplies and Materials		
72	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
73	_____		
74	<b>Total Health Services:</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>
<b>Media Services:</b>		<u>2020-2021 Amount:</u>	<u>2021-2022 Amount:</u>
75	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
76	V - MS 1 _____		
77	Supplies and Materials		
78	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
79	_____		
80	<b>Total Media Services:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Fiscal Services:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
81	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
82	V - FS 1 _____		
83	V - FS 2 _____		
84	Supplies and Materials		
85	Equipment		
86	Other (List Below)		
87	<b>Total Fiscal Services:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Maintenance and Operation:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
88	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
	<b>INCLUDE UTILITIES</b>		
89	V - MO 1 Provided by Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter		
90	Supplies and Materials		
91	Equipment		
92	Other (List Below)		
93	<b>Total Maintenance and Operation:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Pupil Transportation:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
94	Salaries and Benefits	\$31,200.00	\$32,136.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
95	V - PT 1 _____		
96	Supplies and Materials		
97	Equipment	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
	Other (List Below)		
98	Fuel and maintenance	\$19,400.00	\$20,000.00
99	<b>Total Pupil Transportation:</b>	<b>\$100,600.00</b>	<b>\$52,136.00</b>
<b>Food Services:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
100	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
101	V - FD 1 _____		
102	Supplies and Materials		
103	Equipment		
	Other (List Below)		
104	Food and food supplies	\$14,200.00	\$17,750.00
105	<b>Total Food Services:</b>	<b>\$14,200.00</b>	<b>\$17,750.00</b>

<b>Data Processing:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
106	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
107	V - DP 1 Provided by Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter		
108	Supplies and Materials		
109	Equipment	\$6,700.00	\$6,800.00
	Other (List Below)		
110			
111	<b>Total Data Processing:</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,800.00</b>
<b>Substitute Personnel:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
112	Salaries and Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Purchased Services (List Vendors Below)		
113	V - SB 1		
114	<b>Total Substitute Personnel:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CMO Fee (if applicable)</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
115	Back Office Support	\$5,000.00	\$5,100.00
116	Advertising/Marketing	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
117	Professional Development		
118	Legal Services		
	Other (Describe Below)		
119			
120	<b>Total CMO Fee:</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Facilities:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
121	Lease/Purchase Contract for One Full Year		
	Facility Upgrades (List Upgrades Below)		
122	Provided by Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter		
123	Property Insurance for One Full Year		
124	Content Insurance for One Full Year		
125	<b>Total Facilities:</b>		
<b>Debt Expenditures:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
	List Debts Below		
126			
127	<b>Total Debt Expenditures:</b>		
<b>Other Expenditures:</b>		2020-2021 Amount:	2021-2022 Amount:
	List Other Expenditures Below		
128			
129	<b>Total Other Expenditures:</b>		
130	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$773,700.00</b>	<b>\$849,836.00</b>
131	<b>NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$56,636.00</b>	<b>\$38,584.00</b>

**ATTACHMENT 6:**  
**Signed Statement of Assurances**

**2019 APPLICATION  
OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES**

The signature of the President of the Board of Directors of the proposed public charter school's sponsoring entity certifies that the following statements are and will be addressed through policies adopted by the sponsoring entity and policies to be adopted by the public charter school; and, if the application is approved, that the sponsoring entity, governing body, administration, and staff of the open-enrollment charter shall abide by them.

1. The information submitted in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and this application has been sent to the superintendent of all the districts from which we expect to draw students.
2. The open-enrollment public charter school shall be open to all students, on a space-available basis, and shall not discriminate in its admission policy on the basis of gender, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, or academic or athletic eligibility, except as follows: the open-enrollment public charter school may adopt admissions policies that are consistent with federal law, regulations, or guidelines applicable to charter schools. The charter may provide for the exclusion of a student who has been expelled from another public school district.
3. The open-enrollment charter school shall hold an annual random and anonymous public lottery, followed with notifying parents of enrollment status for all applicants. The waiting list generated by the lottery will be maintained for one year.
4. In accordance with federal and state laws, the open-enrollment public charter school hiring and retention policies of administrators, teachers, and other employees shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, or special need.
5. The open-enrollment public charter school shall operate in accordance with federal laws and rules governing public schools, applicable provisions of the Arkansas Constitution, and state laws and regulations governing public schools not waived by the approved charter.
6. The open-enrollment public charter school shall not use the moneys that it receives from the state for any sectarian program or activity, or as collateral for debt.

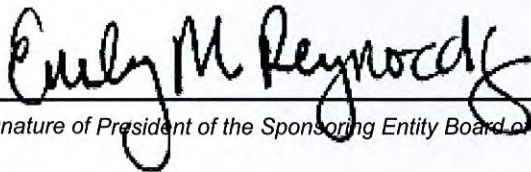
However, open-enrollment public charter schools may enter into lease-purchase agreements for school buildings built by private entities with facilities bonds exempt from federal taxes under 26 USCS 142(a) as allowed by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-402. No indebtedness of an open-enrollment public charter school shall ever become a debt of the State of Arkansas.

7. The open-enrollment public charter school shall not impose taxes or charge students tuition or fees that would not be allowable charges in the public school districts.

8. The open-enrollment public charter school shall not be religious in its operations or programmatic offerings.
9. The open-enrollment public charter school shall ensure that any of its employees who qualify for membership in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System or the Arkansas State and Public School Employee Insurance Program shall be covered under those systems to the same extent a qualified employee of a traditional school district is covered.
10. The employees and volunteers of the open-enrollment public charter school are held immune from liability to the same extent as other public school district employees and volunteers under applicable state laws.
11. The open-enrollment public charter school shall be reviewed for its potential impact on the efforts of a public school district or public school districts to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.
12. The open-enrollment public charter school shall comply with all health and safety laws, rules and regulations of the federal, state, county, region, or community that may apply to the facilities and school property.
13. The applicant confirms the understanding that certain provisions of state law shall not be waived. The open-enrollment public charter school is subject to any prohibition, restriction, or requirement imposed by Title 6 of the Arkansas Code and any rule and regulation approved by the State Board of Education under this title relating to:
  - (a) Monitoring compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-101 *et seq.*, as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Education;
  - (b) Conducting criminal background checks for employees;
  - (c) High school graduation requirements as established by the State Board of Education;
  - (d) Special education programs as provided by this title;
  - (e) Public school accountability under this title;
  - (f) Ethical guidelines and prohibitions as established by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-24-101 *et seq.*, and any other controlling state or federal law regarding ethics or conflicts of interest; and
  - (g) Health and safety codes as established by the State Board of Education and state and local governmental entities.
14. The facilities of the public charter school shall comply with all requirements for accessibility for individuals with disabilities in accordance with the ADA and IDEA and all other state and federal laws.



15. Should the open-enrollment public charter school voluntarily or involuntarily close, the applicant confirms the understanding that any fees associated with the closing of the school including, but not limited to, removal of furniture, equipment, general expenses, etc., are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring entity. No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the state or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the state or its political subdivisions. Upon dissolution of the open-enrollment public charter school or upon nonrenewal or revocation of the charter, all net assets of the open-enrollment public charter school, including any interest in real property, purchased with public funds shall be deemed the property of the state, unless otherwise specified in the charter of the open-enrollment public charter school. If the open-enrollment public charter school used state or federal funds to purchase or finance personal property, real property or fixtures for use by the open-enrollment public charter school, the authorizer may require that the property be sold. The state has a perfected priority security interest in the net proceeds from the sale or liquidation of the property to the extent of the public funds used in the purchase.



*Signature of President of the Sponsoring Entity Board of Directors*

4/23/2019

*Date*

Emily M. Reynolds

*Printed Name*

**ATTACHMENT 7:**  
**Facility Utilization Agreement**

**OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
FACILITIES UTILIZATION AGREEMENT**

Lessor(Owner): Owner - Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter

Lessee(Tenant): Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas

Any information regarding affiliation, family ties, or other relationships between the Lessor (Owner) and Lessee (Tenant) must be disclosed with the facilities lease agreement.

Describe the present use of the facility:

The facility is currently used as an emergency shelter for children in the custody of DHS. We have an existing onsite school (K-12) for residents.

Address of Premises: 14100 Vaughn Rd  
Bentonville, AR 72713

Square Footage: All buildings 65,000

Terms of Lease: 5 Years

Rental Amount: \$0.00 (No rents)

Contingency: The terms of this agreement are contingent upon

N/A - NO CONTINGENCY AND NO RENT  
*Sponsoring Entity*

receiving a charter to operate an open-enrollment public charter school approved by the authorizer by August of 2020

Statutory Language Concerning No Indebtedness:

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the state or its political subdivisions. An open-enrollment public charter school shall not incur any debt, including any lease, without the prior review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.

Lessee: Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas

By: Mary Retter Date 4/24/19

Lessor: Owner - Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter

By: Mary Retter Date 4/24/19

**ATTACHMENT 8:**

Documentation demonstrating that funds listed on the budget template as “Other Sources of Revenue” have already been awarded for the operation of the proposed school

WALTON FAMILY  
FOUNDATION

April 10, 2019

Commissioner Johnny Key  
Arkansas Department of Education  
#4 Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR

Dear Commissioner Key,

I am writing on behalf of the open-enrollment charter application for the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter.

The Children's Shelter has been a very strong organization in our community, serving children that need them the most, for more than two decades. As such, the Shelter enjoys robust community and philanthropic support to serve children aligned with their mission, as well as critical connections within the region that allow them to respond quickly and appropriately to children's needs.

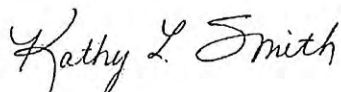
As our broader community grows, the Shelter has seen a need for expanded services to include an open-enrollment public charter school to serve more children who have experienced traumatic situations, and could greatly benefit from a small, nurturing environment within a proven organization that specializes in support systems which address these challenges.

Many of the most critical factors for success of an open-enrollment charter are established at the Shelter, including a wonderful facility, wrap around services, and strong leadership and governance. The Shelter has also established a partnership with the Bentonville Public School District, providing another proof point that traditional district/open-enrollment charter partnerships can work well.

For these and other reasons, if the charter is approved by the Authorizing Panel and confirmed by the State Board of Education, the school would qualify for a charter start up grant from the foundation, in the amount of \$325,000.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Kathy Smith  
Senior Education Advisor



**Resolution of the Board of Directors:  
Open-Enrollment Charter Use of Group Home Funds  
and Program Funds**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter (the Shelter) is applying to start a K-6 open-enrollment public charter school on the Shelter campus to begin in the 2020/2021 school year to serve up to 40 children in Year 1;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors hereby approves that, having secured the permission from the Soderquist Family, the transfer the full balance from the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter Group Home Fund to be used for the purpose of operating, if needed, the open-enrollment charter school five-year charter. The current balance of the Group Home Fund as of March 31, 2019 is \$682,152.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors hereby approves that the Northwest Arkansas Children's Program Fund may use funds for the purpose of applying to operate the open-enrollment charter school five-year charter. The organization will seek to secure multi-year grants and donation pledges to cover the costs of the five-year charter. The current balance of the Program Fund as of March 31, 2019 is \$4,344,093.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the use of the above stated funds as deemed necessary in the application for the new open-enrollment public charter school.

Resolution passed by the Northwest Arkansas Board of Directors vote on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

**ATTACHMENT 9:**

Documentation demonstrating formal agreements between the entity and other organizations as described in the application, especially as it relates to providing student services, in Prompt 8.



## CITY OF HIGHFILL

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April 23, 2019  
Mr. Jake Gibbs  
Director of Education  
Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter  
14100 Vaughn Rd.  
Bentonville, AR  
72713

Re: Charter School

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

City of Highfill staff has reviewed your proposal for a charter school to be located on the site of the Children's Shelter within our city limits. We are very aware of the need for a school like this and are excited about this possibility.

This site meets all city zoning and planning regulations for this type of facility and there would be no further requirements. There will be building permit protocols to be addressed prior to the commencement of any construction however.

Please contact me if I can be of further service to you.

Respectfully,

Michelle Rieff  
Mayor