

Evaluation Factors:

Operation Liberty Hill (OLH) was created in 2011 and received their 501c3 nonprofit status in 2012. The organization's first physical location was located in a 800 square foot house on Fellowship Church's property located at 3600 RR 1869 in Liberty Hill. Our lease was a verbal agreement with no rent charged to Operation Liberty Hill and we resided there from 2011 to 2013. The little house is no longer there. Pastor Tim McIlhaney was present at Fellowship Church at that time and is the pastor there now. He can be reached at 512-259-8872.

Operation Liberty Hill's second leased location was at 15100 Hwy 29 in Liberty Hill. This property is owned by Chris Winkley and he can be reached at 512-515-7733. We leased this property from 2013 to 2015.

Our third lease was through Williamson County for the property at 1401 Hwy 183, Leander. The lease was a five-year lease with a five-year option which began in November 2015. In November of 2020 the five-year option began and expires October 31, 2025.

Operation Liberty Hill has never been late paying rent or missed a payment. OLH has invested thousands of dollars on improvements and maintenance to the property we currently lease from Williamson County. OLH will continue to improve the parking area with road base, keep the grounds groomed and trash free and make any necessary or cosmetic repairs. Attractive portable buildings have been acquired to provide much needed space for storage and donation processing for the thrift store. The signage is kept up to date and legible. Raised bed gardens provide produce for the food pantry and a playscape area next to the gardens provide a fun place for kids to play.

Operation Liberty Hill will use the property to continue to serve our community with a food pantry, clothes, basic necessities, financial assistance and other resources at no cost to promote financial stability and overall well-being to those in need. Our mission is to not only provide for the basic needs of our clients but to show them they are loved and valued, treating them with dignity and respect. Nonprofessional counseling and a listening ear let them know we care and are sincere in our quest to reduce the stress associated with navigating the social services available to them.

The OLH thrift store serves not only our clients but also the public and those looking for a special treasure. All proceeds go to support the food pantry and other programs at OLH. The food pantry hours are Tuesday from 9:00 – 4:45, Thursday 12:00 – 5:45 and Fridays from noon till the perishable food items are gone. The thrift store is open from 10:00 – 6:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and 10:00 – 3:00 on Friday and Saturday. The thrift store donation drop off is open during the stores business hours.

The second story over the food pantry is a public usage space which houses Capstone Baptist Church, hosts several girl scout troop meetings and is an awesome space for training and other

events. Currently, OLH is providing a 5-week Basic Money Management Course which is open to the public. We encourage our clients who are seeking financial assistance to enroll in this course.

Operation Liberty Hill proposes to pay \$100.00 plus the current property tax amount on a monthly basis to lease this property.

Operation Liberty Hill has developed relationships with other local nonprofits enabling our organization to better serve those in our community living below poverty level as well as those who do not qualify for social services due to income but are in a crisis situation. OLH has valued partnerships with many of the local schools, churches and businesses providing fund raising opportunities to give back to the community. With the help of grants and through our partnership with Central Texas Food Bank and local grocery stores, OLH plans to continue serving Western Williamson County for many years to come.

Without the close to 70 volunteers, OLH could not provide the services that are so vital to our community. We believe that our ministry is for our volunteers as well as those we serve.

For more information about Operation Liberty Hill please go our website operationlh.org.