

June 19, 2019

The Honorable Felicia Corbin-Johnson
Circuit Court
160 N. Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Judge Corbin-Johnson:

Over the past three years, the board and staff at Kindred Place (formerly the Exchange Club Family Center) have devoted a great deal of time and energy to a thorough review of our programs. Following many years of expansion, we realized that we risk spreading our limited resources across too wide a need.

Our board is committed to maintaining a clear focus on our mission, demonstrating clear outcomes from the programs we maintain, and continuously improving our clinical approach. This commitment requires some tough decisions. After thoughtful consideration, our board voted last week to end Supervised Visitation programming, effective September 30, 2019. We did not make this decision lightly. To be clear, we believe Supervised Visitation to be a vitally important community offering, one that deserves focused attention and fully dedicated resources.

While all of our services were established for community benefit, some of our programs are more clearly aligned with our mission than others. Instead of addressing the broad scope of family functioning, our essential work is trauma-focused clinical service (individual counseling and group therapy) for families affected by domestic violence and abuse. Our clinicians specialize in getting to the root cause of anger and aggression, healing the hurt, and breaking the cycle for good.

We have informed our clients and their attorneys of this decision and are working with them to transition to another provider. Our staff and leadership team will gladly offer their expertise to any other agency that might have an interest in establishing a Supervised Visitation offering.

Sincerely,



Greg Pohlman
Board President



Luke Yancy
Board Vice President



Jennifer Balink
Executive Director