



**CITRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

— SHERIFF —  
**JEFFREY J. DAWSY**



August 21, 2008

Florida Department of Children and Families  
Emergency Shelter Grants Program

Re: Support for Homeless Shelter Project – Emergency Shelter Grants Program

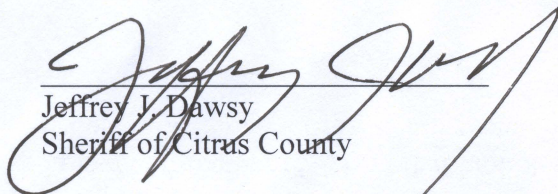
To Whom it May Concern:

The Sanctuary Mission, Inc. has requested our support in aid of their application for funding by the Emergency Shelter Grants Program as provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

In law enforcement we find that homeless persons are likely to commit crimes to fulfill basic human needs or become victims, as suggested by having at least 147 initial documented calls-for-service involving homeless persons in Citrus County for the last year. Subsequently, we find it easy to support the efforts of a responsibly operated homeless shelter to reduce crime. As public servants we consider it our duty to help those in need, so for that reason and to prevent crime we support the *Sanctuary Mission's* funding request to improve their operations.

*Sanctuary Mission* has operated faith-based facilities for the homeless since 1997. They are currently listed in the Citrus County Resource Guide, used by this agency for the referral of persons in need. We feel their presence and additionally funded efforts will further benefit the homeless and the community.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey J. Dawsy  
Sheriff of Citrus County