

FACTSHEET “EXHIBIT A”

**COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 12015
and
CITY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 12016**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY
THE APPLICANT**

and

LETTERS IN SUPPORT

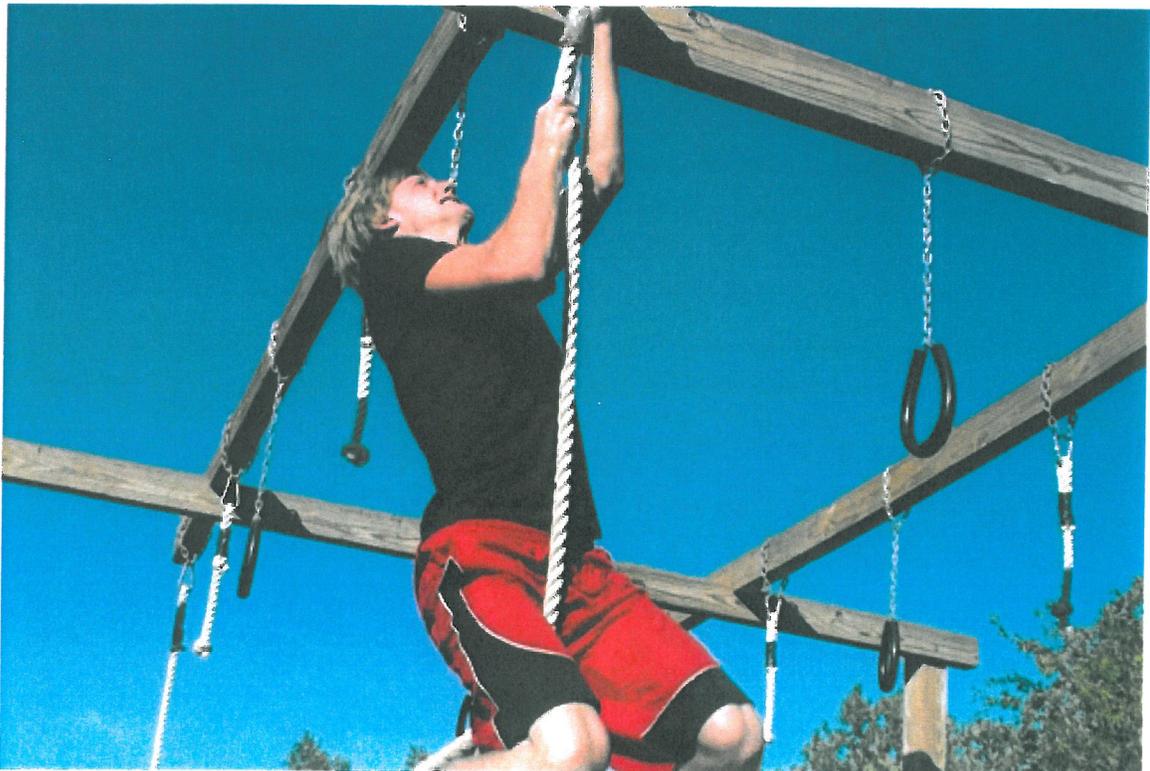
Jean Preister

To: Planning Commission
Subject: Camp Gargano Write up/Explanation

From: Doug Barry [<mailto:dougbarry.radix@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 11:25 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Cc: Jean Preister
Subject: Camp Gargano Write up/Explanation

RADIX Camp Gargano is a powerful experience that ignites in a man the God-given masculinity that resides in him. This is a unique and life changing event that tests the mettle of a man, builds heroic character and strengthens his resolve. With strong emphasis on three key areas of each man – body, mind, and soul – we raise the bar and challenge a man to realize how much he is capable of as well as what he is responsible for as a man. Good, strong, honorable men of prayer and action are needed in our world. This does not happen by chance. It is necessary to train up a young man in the ways of virtue and character. The focus of Camp Gargano is primarily directed at men of all ages though we offer presentations and events for ladies as well. Men and women have a powerful and mysterious impact on one another and God has created us to build each other up to be the best we can be for God and for each other. At Camp Gargano we will challenge you to grow. We will challenge you to be better!

Camps, retreats, physical training and conferences for youth, young men and fathers and sons are some of the different events RADIX Camp Gargano offers. Some examples from past groups and events are altar boy camps, one day boys and girls retreats and/or events for local schools/Church activities, high school retreats, camp sessions for college men and college ladies, men's conferences, and more. For more information on how to book an event and what you can do with your group at RADIX Camp Gargano, call or email today: 402-794-2100 / campgargano@gmail.com

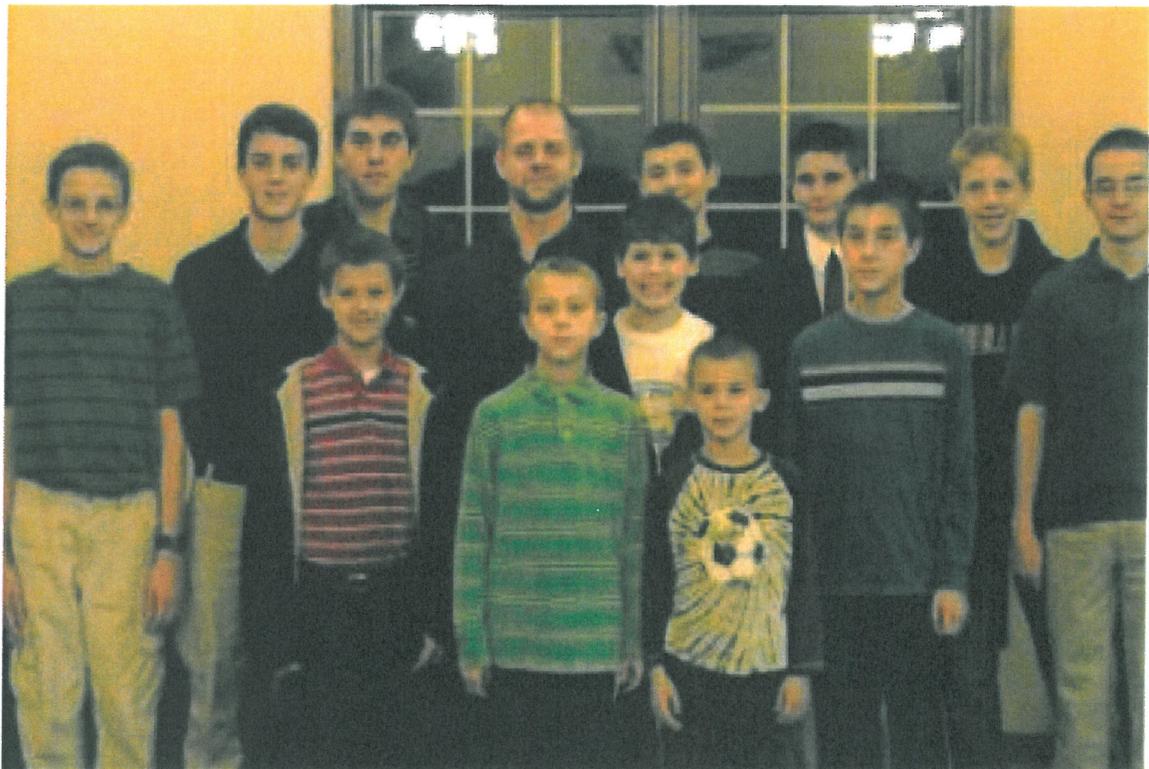
















Jean Preister

From: Ojeda, Tony [tojeda@midfin.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 5:31 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: Special Permit

My name is Tony Ojeda and I am supporting Radix's request for its zoning change at 2260 W Wittstruck (SP12015 & SP12016). Quite honestly if Radix wants to do different things to their property then I feel that they should be able to do what then want. I am a neighbor to the property and I live at 14440 SW 15TH ST. I was not planning on writing a letter of support until I became aware of how much opposition there has been to Radix's request. I have also been amazed at what appears to me neighbors who are spreading lies and misinformation about Mr Barry and Radix. It is a sad state of affairs and I was hoping to set the record straight.

I have become aware that some of Mr Barry's neighbors have stated that he cannot be trusted and he has misled them. I want to assure you that I feel that they must have a personal vendetta against him because most of his immediate neighbors do not feel this way about him. As evidence one of the neighbors mentioned in a letter of opposition that Mr Barry had misled them when he built the addition to his home. One that neighbor did not share with you is that they have used that addition for some theatre performances for about three months of the year the past four years and Mr Barry allowed them to do that without charging them anything. In fact he allowed people he did not even know to come to the performances. I would say that Mr Barry has been very generous and the neighbors who have been complaining have benefited greatly.

In one letter it stated that Mr Barry was violating his current permit, but my research would indicate that the activities he has been doing actually do not violate the current zoning. I also want to assure you that Mr Barry did inform us of the zoning application dated April 3, 2012 before it was introduced into the newspapers. In the letter by the said neighbor in opposition he also states that for the event on May 28th that the dirt part of Wittstruck was supposed to be closed during the event. Once again this is misinformation on this neighbor's part. This part of the road was not required to be closed during the event. I will also tell you that it was hardly used during the event. I should know my property borders that road and the neighbor who filed the letter of opposition's property does not border the road.

The neighbor also talks about alcohol permits. I can assure you this will not be a problem on this property due to the fact that Mr Barry and Mr Pfeifer lost parents because of alcohol. Besides that the neighbor in opposition as well as other neighbors have hosted larger parties in the area where large amounts of alcohol were consumed and I don't think that same neighbor had any problems with those activities.

This whole process has made me very angry. Mr Barry has been vilified and I would almost go as far as saying libel and slander have been committed against him. I believe you should approve the zoning changes due to the fact that it is only for one year. Please do not let a small group of neighbors who seem more motivated to hurt the Barry family then anything else stop this process.

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June 6, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to address the present opposition in allowing the revised permit to move forward successfully for Camp Gargano. I have personally witnessed and have been greatly affected by several experiences out on this campground. I have been inspired by the people who work tirelessly to carry out the mission of inspiring youth through physical, spiritual, and intellectual exercises.

I am aware that there has been significant opposition regarding the location of the camp, as well as the preservation of the environment surrounding the camp (i.e. gravel roads, pollution, etc). I would argue that these issues can be successfully addressed, clarified, and compromised upon to create a resolution moving forward into the future. Since the establishment of the facility, the importance of preserving the natural surroundings of the premises has always held high priority. The goal of the camp has been to create a calm, quiet, and peaceful campground. The issues of pollution, noise, and disturbance to neighbors are factors in which nearby residents should rest at ease. I have full faith that the Barrys and all other camp volunteers, employees, and staff have the highest concern and regard for protecting the natural environment surrounding the camp and creating a hospitable site to all participants, while respecting all nearby citizens. It is Gargano's aim to ensure a safe and eco-friendly atmosphere.

Gargano consists of many individuals who have worked hard to turn a vision into a reality. The vision is simple: to help others strive for greatness.

Doug Barry and his family and friends have created an incredible opportunity for a camp experience unlike any other. It is different than driving down a paved road and meeting at a town hall. It is different than going to a summer camp and camping out in a tent or log cabin for a week. Camp Gargano has the ability to allow a person to recognize their worth and capability through strong faith and enduring strength.

Lives are changed at Camp Gargano. Each person has a chance to escape the hustle and bustle of every day life and breath the fresh air of the countryside. Each participant has a chance to listen to inspiring individuals bring forth a message of truth, that each and every person was created for greatness. The Gargano experience is based upon virtue, courage, and hope for a better future.

Every individual who works with and has helped this camp become what it is today has shown nothing but true character and genuine integrity. I would argue that much of the opposition towards the success of this camp is due to unintentional miscommunication.

This camp deserves the chance to thrive. I urge you to take into consideration the many lives that this facility and its staff have positively impacted. I was one of them.

June 6, 2012

Sincerely,

Courtney Dravitzki

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Lincoln/Lancaster Co.
Planning Department

Jean Preister

To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Radix zoning

From: Rosanna [<mailto:francisdesales@windstream.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 8:00 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Re: Radix zoning

This letter is in support of the wonderful work the Barrys and their associates are doing at Camp Gargano. Since this enterprise's inception, our family has been involved with its activities and functions which have been a tremendous blessing. In an age where boys often have a skewed view of what it means to be a man, society is very much in need of an apostolate like Camp Gargano and Radix. Camp Gargano is more than an exercise facility or an amusement park. Mr. Barry helps young men understand their vocation as men through both physical and spiritual workouts, challenging them to rise to the occasion in promoting personal responsibility, self-sacrifice for the sake of others, and a spirituality that helps them combat the myriad temptations our modern culture exposes us to.

One of the achievements young men aspire to is the engraved sword. Earning this sword is no mean feat. The young men are required to achieve a high standard of physical fitness, learn the tenets of faith, and display leadership ability over the course of several years. They are also required to study books on philosophy as it relates to a man's vocation and write a paper detailing their thoughts on what it means to be a real man in the modern era. Our son was the recipient of this award last year and we have five more who aspire to the same heights.

Unfortunately, since Camp Gargano is an enterprise based largely on faith and trust in God, finances are a constant concern, especially in today's uncertain economic climate. Following the advice of their financial backers, the Barrys and their associates have endeavored to keep afloat by a variety of means because their belief in the necessity of this camp has driven them to use whatever means available to them to keep going. Without the ability to attract larger numbers of participants, it will be nearly impossible to meet their financial commitments. The Barrys have been assured by the fire marshal and other pertinent parties that their facility can accommodate the numbers necessary to do so.

I would like to emphasize that Camp Gargano is not an enterprise for the Barrys to make large sums of money. They see it as a vocation and a mission to help improve our culture one young man at a time. Toward this end, they have invested everything they have and everything they are as a family to do what they believe is God's will for them. While I know they are willing to make whatever compromises necessary to ensure the legal survival of Camp Gargano, they must also be allowed to do what is necessary to ensure the financial survival of the camp as well.

Please take into consideration the tremendous good that Radix is doing and allow the Barrys as much freedom as possible to pursue this noble cause.

Sincerely,
Rosanna Connelly

Panama, NE

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 8:17 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Radix Zoning

From: Sean Connelly [<mailto:airman.spock@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 8:55 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Radix Zoning

To Whom It May Concern, Camp Gargano is more than just another recreational facility. It's a binding of physical fitness, faith, and friendship. Speaking from experience, some of the young men that have gone through this camp could have wound up behind bars later on in life if not for the wonderful work the Barrys and their associates have done. Not only is this camp good for the young men going through it, it is good for society as a whole. Too many men have fallen into immoral habits, which tears at the very fibers of society. Many believe that true men treat women as objects for pleasure, but Radix shows that true men in fact see these as real people, people to love and be loved in return. Camp Gargano seeks to turn young boys into young men, preparing them to be good husbands and fathers. The camp is not solely focused on physical improvement, but on bettering young men through exercise and teaching. Some have complained of noise level and disturbing the local community. This is an unfair assessment. Camp Kateri Tekakwitha near McCool Junction is a good comparison to what this camp is. The events going on wouldn't be very loud or constantly. As of know, the camps last for two weeks, about three or four days a week. Once it becomes fully operational, the camps will be a full week long, and as there will be sleeping and dining facilities at the camp, local traffic would not increase enough to cause problems. Also, the camps wouldn't be every week, possibly once every month or two during the summer. As these are teens, there would be no alcohol involved, nor would there be any weapons fire, as some were concerned with this. Also, the Barrys are part of the local community, and know quite well what the expectations are. In fact, many of the children from the local community go to the camp and could be said to help get it off the ground. As for the environmental concerns, even with the increase of people, it won't be steady enough to cause issues. As stated earlier, this facility will not be opened constantly like many other recreational areas. The obstacles run with the land, so the so-called "erosion" would be minimal. Also stated earlier, the Barrys are part of the community, not some outside organization trying to make money. Not to mention, these are Christian teens attending these camps. They would not leave trash lying around, nor would they be causing the wildlife to leave the area. In short, the camp would not harm the area, but in fact enhance it. Society as a whole could benefit from more camps such as these, turning young boys from near-certain lives of crime to helping get America back on it's feet and make it a better place altogether. A1C Sean Connelly U. S. Air Force

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 8:11 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Camp Gargano

From: Rosanna [<mailto:francisdesales@windstream.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Camp Gargano

To whom it may concern,

As a long time participant of Camp Gargano activities, I know that Camp Gargano is doing a great good for the community and not harming it in the least sense. It is a place to bring families together, teach boys to act like men, and help our nation as a whole. Mr. Barry's goal is to leave this earth in better shape than when he entered it. He knows that many of the world's problems begin with the family. If a family cannot get along, a society cannot get along, and societies make up what our nation is today. In order for a family to get along, it begins with the parents. The parents need to set a good example for their children to follow in order for their children to grow up and be functional in our society to make our nation a better place. Mr. Barry is trying to teach young adults (mostly men, as men are the natural leaders of a family) to understand their duty as men in the world to care for and love their families, thus fixing the issue of dysfunctional families in our nation. Mr. Barry plans to open his camp to all the public across our nation in order to help a greater number of young men all over the United States.

He does nothing that can wind up hurting our nation in the least of ways. He takes great care of the land he is in charge of and does not damage his neighbors' land. His facilities are large enough to house the large numbers he expects to receive. There will not be any firearms nor loud campers that may cause a disturbance to the local community.

Mr. Barry and his family are fully prepared to do what is best for our nation and give back what he can to improve our society as it is today.

Cameron
Connelly
Age 16
Virtus Sword Recipient

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 8:08 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Support SP12015 and 12016

From: Rose Ruhl [<mailto:mercyruhls@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:07 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Support SP12015 and 12016

+J.M.J.+

Jesus, I Trust in you!

To whom it may concern,

I'm in support to pass the permit SP12015 and 12016.

My family has been blessed by Radix for twenty years and we are excited to have Camp Gragano. I have organized a retreat out at Camp Gargano, and wow, it was amazing how Doug connects with the youth and adults alike. The location of this camp is a wonderful setting. It's like when Jesus went out to the wilderness and fed the 5,000. A quiet setting to let the youth experience. This is a fantastic opportunity for families and youth.

Doug Barry has mentored my twelve children in the last twenty years. His character and beliefs are of high integrity. We have been blessed to have Camp Gargano, it has been an amazing place to build strong christians, bodies and character,.

I see Doug Barry is a man that has vision. In the Bible It say's "Without vision the people perish." Proverb 29:18

We would love to see this mission to reach out to youth and community continue. May God bring this family and community peace and love. I continue to pray for everyone involved with this project.

God Bless,"O Blood and water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us I Trust in you!"

Sincerely,

Rose Ruhl

Exeter, NE. 68351

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Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 12:26 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Support letter for SP12015

From: Chris Connelly [<mailto:possanti@windstream.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 10:29 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Support letter for SP12015

I am writing this in support of Special Permit 12015 being requested by Camp Gargano/Radix Inc. The organizations associated with this camp are committed to building strong minds, bodies, and souls. I can't see where opposition to this would come from. Mr. Barry has always done his utmost to make sure that he was in compliance with ordinances and will continue to do so. Even though allegations based on passion rather than fact have been put forth, I believe the commission will find that the Barrys are responsible in their endeavors and have tried their best to work within the parameters of county ordinances.

In a world where there is a concentration on the tearing down of the community and family, these organizations are trying to build up the community and family as well as making the body physically fit. I have seen nothing but positive transformations of the youth that have attended these functions and I think it would be a detriment to the community to stop what they have done. This is not a place for wild parties of screaming juvenile delinquents; it is a place of combining physical fitness, faith, and family values. I ask the planning commission to please consider this permit with open minds and look what the organizations have done for the community at large.

Sincerely

Christopher F. Connelly

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 12:27 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Support letter for Camp Gargano

From: Craig Baxter [<mailto:craigbaxterlive@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 5:47 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Support letter for Camp Gargano

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to speak on behalf of CampGargano and the character of its owners. I have attended two separate events at Camp Gargano over the past 2 years. The events held at Camp Gargano were very positive and uplifting to those in attendance. The experience I had at the camp had a very positive impact on me personally. I havealso heard countless examples of the profound impact that the camp's mission has had on young people around the state. The camp offers young people a unique opportunity to grow in their faith, build confidence, and increase their physical fitness.

In addition, the owner of the camp, Doug Barry, is avery inspiring individual with great character.

Thespeeches he delivers to young men and women alike instill positive messages that are essential for the youth in today's culture. The remote location of the camp is essential for those in attendance to be able to get away from the fast pace of city life. The owners treat the campgrounds and the surrounding environment with great respect. I would argue that the camp would bring nothing but positive attention to the area surrounding it. In closing, Camp Gargano has been positively affecting the lives of many for a long time. Its mission is simply to help people. Personally, I would question the character of anyone who would oppose such a mission.
Sincerely,

Craig Baxter

Jean Preister

From: Doug Pfeifer [doug.pfeifer65@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 12:14 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: County Special Permit 12015/City Special Permit 12016, recreation facility, SW 29th Street & W Wittstruck Road

To the Planning Commission and All Concerned:

I wish to express my support of Radix, Inc. for the above referenced Special Permit Applications. I believe the requested changes are reasonable and have carefully taken into consideration the concerns of those who will be most affected by such changes. The applications include numerous self-imposed restrictions specifically intended to address legitimate concerns and to protect the safety of people and the value of property.

My property borders the Radix, Inc. property on the east and is one of the four closest residences to the Camp Gargano facility. I care deeply about what happens to this property and the effects of its use on our neighborhood and the community. It directly effects my family's safety and the value and enjoyment of our property.

Radix, Inc. has a 20 plus year track record of doing positive and beneficial ministerial work to help strengthen men, women, and children in heart, mind, soul and body. Since 2007, Radix has owned the property in question and, to my knowledge, has operated without complaint or incident. Many people have been helped by the mission and work of Camp Gargano, including my own children and many of the families and children in the neighborhood and beyond.

I too share the concerns of my neighbors and members of the community about issues of traffic, dust, noise, pollution, public safety, alcohol abuse etc. No one is closer to the effects of the activity at Camp Gargano than those of us who live next to it. I too moved to the country to enjoy Nebraska's rural beauty and serenity and wish to help preserve that as much as possible.

At the same time, I recognize that a problem and a challenge exists in our neighborhood and I would like to be part of a solution that at the least, does no harm to the community, and better yet, adds to the common good of the community. Doing nothing does not seem to be prudent as the unkown intentions and use by a new potential owner would bring more questions and uncertainty than currently exists.

By approving the requested permits, the zoning does not change. What changes is the permitted acitivity in a limited area on private property, subject to regular review and under great scrutiny and close watchfulness by many.

We have a nation at risk due to poor health habits, obesity and inactivity. Social ills plague us and weaken families and our community. Radix and Camp Gargano stand as a beacon of light in a troubled world that is trying to do something about it. It is a place of refuge and a place where all members of the community can go to be strengthened in many ways. This permit change will allow these positive effects to reach more people and to benefit the community as a whole.

Respectfully,

Doug Pfeifer

14201 SW 15th Street

Roca, NE 68430

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 8:42 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: SP 12015, SP 12016

From: Carol Wathen [<mailto:jimwathen2@windstream.net>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 7:58 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: SP 12015, SP 12016

This letter is in support of Doug Barry, Camp Gargano and the work he does there. Our 15 year old son has participated in various days at the camp. Participants are physically challenged and encouraged to set and reach goals. Camp Gargano provides a place and program where young people can meet and participate in positive activities.

Mr. Barry has the utmost integrity. He does not allow unsafe practices or undue risk for participants. I would liken the camp to an outdoor gym where team building, exercise and physical competition can take place.

It is my belief that expanding this honest enterprise will positively impact Lincoln areas' youth and all participants. Doug Barry is a long time athlete and he knows how to lead training exercises. We are very happy to have our son participate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carol Wathen

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 12:26 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: special permit

-----Original Message-----

From: Cathy Sire [<mailto:cbsire@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 7:32 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: special permit

Dear sirs,

I write this letter in support of special permit 12015 and 12016 requested by RADIX Camp Gargano. RADIX Camp Gargano's mission is to help build our society positively, specifically by building up men and women. Through RADIX Camp Gargano, Doug Barry encourages confidence, faith and morals, virtue and leadership. The Camp has a positive effect for many and through this ministry, RADIX Camp Gargano is sincerely working to help our society, one individual at a time.

The mission of RADIX Camp Gargano is to help to positively build our young people. Today, this is something that is essential to our society. I support their request for this special permit and ask that you would do the same, Sincerely, Catherine sire

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:13 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Special permit numbers 12015 and 12016

From: Jim Wathen [<mailto:jim.wathen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Special permit numbers 12015 and 12016

This letter is written to support Camp Gargano. It is exciting to see the possibility of expansion of the facility close to our home off of Pine Lake Road in South Lincoln.

We are in search of wholesome activities for our family. Our older son has participated in activities at Camp Gargano and he felt challenged although he is in top physical condition. He commented that Doug Barry is a tremendous role model and encouraged our youngest son to attend activities there.

When I consider all of the choices for "things to do" for children and young adults, it is my sincere belief that there is too little physical activity. Adults have jobs that are often deskbound. Our children are often obese. Please consider this type of land use will combat that and encourage physical activity, goal setting and stronger individuals.

Lastly, Doug Barry practices what he teaches. He has many years of personal exercise and physical training. He is able to do things that I can only aspire to. It is my belief that his personal discipline and skills are of great benefit to our community and to Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Jim Wathen
6841 Shadow Ridge Road
Lincoln, NE 68512

Jean Preister

To: Planning Commission
Subject: FW: permit 12015

From: Jennifer Butcher [mailto:butcher_jennifer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 12:57 PM
To: Jean Preister; Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Re: permit 12015

This letter is to state our support of special permit No. 12015 and 12016. Camp Gargano has been a great blessing to our family. Our son has been to numerous events as well as our daughters who have attended the events for girls. The mission of building character and healthy bodies is much needed in our society today.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of community support, Radix has been unable to meet the financial needs of the Camp, based solely on the Camp's original purpose- raising strong, healthy young adults. In order to continue this mission, Radix has found it necessary to broaden their scope of interest. It is necessary for them to generate enough money so that they will be able to keep the Camp doors open. If this permit is not granted, the Camp will be closed. It seems to us that the revisions to the original request that are taking place are in keeping with Radix's original intent. They are continuing to accommodate the community with events, while still trying to achieve their goal of promoting the health and well being of the community.

We believe that it is unjust and untrue for people to say that it is their goal to "quest for the almighty dollar". This is clearly not their intent. Anyone who knows the families behind this project knows that their goal is selfless giving to the community. They need to produce an income to continue to provide the non-profit events that they have at their heart. In today's economy, it is not easy to survive on donations when most people cannot afford to donate to charities. The idea to promote fitness in order to produce revenue is a healthy idea as well as a good business practice to make the money needed to do their charitable work.

There must be some solution that can be reached. If all parties are reasonable, the Camp doors can be kept open and the surrounding families can be satisfied. The Barry and Pfeifer families are well known, reasonable and respected people; they care about their neighbors and have been generous with them in the past. We, based upon personal experience, have found both Doug Barry and Doug Pfeifer to be honest, hard working and caring individuals. In the event that the Camp is sold, there is no way to know what company or group will take control of the building and land. These groups may not be reasonable, caring or easy to work with. If the Camp is forced to close, the opposition to the Camp may find that they have an even more difficult problem on their hands.

The Barry and Pfeifer families, as well as the surrounding community, have a vested interest in this project. If the Camp is forced to close, the building and land will be left open for anyone to take control. Doug Barry and his family, with the help of Doug Pfeifer, have worked tirelessly to promote safety and peace. They have given their time, effort and money to keep Radix's mission alive with as little harm to the surrounding community as possible. We believe that a compromise can be reached for the good of everyone- the families involved, the surrounding community and those who will be touched by the Camp and its mission.

Thank you,
Troy and Jennifer Butcher
Lincoln, NE

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 1:26 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: In Support of Camp Gargano

-----Original Message-----

From: Rachel Ruhl [<mailto:ruhl1126@ravens.benedictine.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 1:22 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: In Support of Camp Gargano

To Whomever It May Concern,

I have participated in several day camp experiences for young men at the Camp with Doug Barry. I'm a civil engineer working in Kansas City, and I drove up to take my younger brothers and a family friend to Doug's Saturday morning workouts for young men. These classes were an excellent opportunity for young men to gather, engage in challenging physical exercise, while learning about the value of virtuous living. Doug is an excellent role model and a great mentor to the young men and women who participate in his classes. The activities that Doug hosts at the Camp are making a valuable contribution to the community by strengthening the characters of the young men and women who gather at the Camp.

Thank you,

David J. Bennier
Civil Engineer
Kansas City, MO

Dear Ms. Hartzell,

I am writing in support of the permit 12015 and 12016 for Camp Gargano. I, as well as my siblings, have participated in various events at Camp Gargano. The Camp's mission is to cultivate healthy and strong young people- particularly young men- by challenging them in a safe and positive environment.

Camp Gargano is a benefit to our community. My sister and I have attended several girls camps there that were inspirational and lots of fun. My brother has had the same experience at the boys camps. He has attended both the camp for younger boys, called Young Knights, and the camp for older boys, called Virtus. In these camps, we have been encouraged to challenge ourselves further than we thought we could. We have been challenged to make personal goals and work toward meeting them. Mr. Barry has been an great role model for me. When I did not think that I could reach the end of an exercise, he would encourage me and help me to make it through. He taught me the value of team work, having a positive attitude and believing in myself. My sister says, "Mr. Barry taught me to not worry about how "big" or "strong" I am. What matters is that I try my hardest and work to reach my goals." My brother says, "Mr. Barry helped me want to work hard for my goals and not despair when things look impossible."

Now that Camp Gargano has experienced serious difficulties in sustaining themselves financially, they have been forced to expand their mission. This new mission is still in keeping with the old mission- that of cultivating people in a healthy and happy environment. They have embarked on this mission in the hopes that they will be able to make financial ends meet, so that they will be able to continue to have the inspirational events that I previously mentioned. My siblings And I attended the event that Camp Gargano held on May 28th. This event was in keeping with the spirit of their previous events- the people were encouraged to do their very best and to have a good time. I talked to many people who had a great time and had been vigorously challenged. My family had a fantastic time at this event. If Camp Gargano is allowed to expand their organization in this way, they will be able to continue their personal mission of cultivating young people in smaller camps, as well as reaching out to many people who want to challenge themselves in even bigger ways- in events such as the "Quest for the Vets" that was held on May 28th.

Please do not allow the Camp to close! If the Camp closes, our community will lose a valuable service that is dedicated to helping men and women become better, healthy and strong people- inside and out. In a society where hand-held sports and recreations are very popular, the active and challenging mission of the Camp is greatly needed. In a society where despair and discouragement prevail, a place like the Camp- where people can be helped to grow and meet their goals in a positive and encouraging environment- is desperately necessary. Please do not help shut Camp Gargano's doors.

Thank you!
Cambria Butcher – Age 16
Sierra Butcher – Age 15
Jacob Butcher – Age 12

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Hello!

My name is Jacob Otte, I am 16 years old and I live in Lincoln, NE. I am writing this letter in regards to special permit numbers: 12015 and 12016. For Camp Gargano.

I want to start by saying and paying tribute to what Camp Gargano has done for me in the 2 years I have been a part of it. Often times we think we know where our lives are headed and then we receive something that changes everything. Did I think, two years ago, that I would be who I am today? Not a chance. What was it that caused such a change? A major part of it was Camp Gargano. It was there that I met some of the greatest people I know and it was there that I did things that I never would have thought possible. I am so different from who I was two years ago, and granted I have a long way to go before I am who I want to be, but without Gargano I would be very different, and not for the better. It has had such a profound effect on me I can't even sum it up in the course of just a letter.

Camp Gargano has helped me to:

- Become more confident and at peace.
- Meet my best friends.
- Becoming more outgoing and meet many people (always good for a homeschooler!)
- Encouraged me to always strive to achieve your goals and never lower the bar.
- Taught me self-control and discipline over my mind and body.
- To not complain and know the role of a man in a family and community.

I know what a blessing Gargano has been to me in my life and I know that it can continue to be that to many other people. If we all want to have a healthy and good community then we must support people and places who promote healthy and good messages. A great commander is useless unless he is promoted to a high rank. A great manager is useless if he doesn't get promoted to being a manager. Gargano, with its great message, can't do anything without your support. Camp Gargano is where a great message has the capability to be put in front of many people to their benefit and thus the benefit of many other people, cities, and the entire state.

Whenever we go through life there are things, experiences, places, people, and events that we never forget and that remain with us forever. Going to Camp Gargano is one of the most important things that has ever happened to me. As I said before, I would not be who I am right now if it were not for Doug Barry and for what he has done with Camp Gargano. And I know that I am not alone in feeling that.

This is why I would strongly support its application for the two special permits and why I would encourage all others to do the same.

Thank-you so much!

Jacob Otte

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Jean Preister

From: Glenn Troudt [glennt5339@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 1:03 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: County Special Use Permit 12015/City Special Use Permit 1016, rec. facility SW 29th & Wittstruck Rd.

To the Planning Commission and all concerned:

I am writing to express my support for Radix Inc./Camp Gargano for the special use permits. In talking with Mr. Barry, I believe he has done his best in addressing concerns brought by his neighbors and people in the area. In speaking with Doug Barry and organizations/individuals that Radix is associated with, I do not see any problems associated with a change in use. Any problems that might occur due to this change in use will be minimal, and I believe quickly addressed.

More importantly, I am one of the area residents affected by any changes. I live on SW 29th St. and traffic would be routed in front of my house when there are events taking place. I have no problem with this. It is a paved road that is well marked. I do not foresee a huge increase in traffic based upon the number and type of events that could be held. Their recent event was a perfect example. There was not a huge increase in traffic. Participants arrived and left at different times. The traffic appeared to be about the same amount that occurs during the week when people are coming home from work. On the rare occasions that traffic does pick up some, I'm sure the road can handle it and it will not be an inconvenience for area residents or myself. The type of events they will be hosting does not lend itself to high volumes of traffic at once. It will not be like a concert or football game getting out and a rush of traffic happens.

Radix has owned the property for several years and it has gone virtually unnoticed. I have heard of no complaints from anyone about the facility or its use until the change in use permit was filed. As a resident of the area I can hope that by approving the permit change, it brings a boost to an area that seems to be failing. Local businesses have closed. Unless you play softball or baseball, there are no other organized local sporting events to participate in. There is not a lot for a family to do locally, so they travel to other areas for events. It will be nice to have a facility that not only local residents can enjoy, but is also bringing in people from other areas for activities that the whole family can enjoy. During their recent event there seemed to be as many baby strollers being pushed around as there were cars in the parking lot. It was nice to see so many people having a good time.

I am somewhat surprised at the complaints area residents have made about possible problems that a change in use may cause. Yet when a bar/lounge opens in the area I have not heard of any complaints. Through my employment, I have seen the real effects that these type of establishments have caused on the area- increased traffic, DUI's, vehicle accidents and fatalities. I welcome an establishment that brings something to the area that is not fueled by alcohol. If there are events that take place in which a caterer serves alcohol, I am sure that as a business man and member of the community, Mr Barry will be monitoring those events for any potential problems.

The local mailer/gossip sheet that arrived recently seemed to contain some rumors and innuendos concerning this issue. I think one of the concerns of some is that it will be taking away from the local community center and new center opened by the Martell church. I do not think that this will be an issue as they will not be focusing on the same type of events.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Glenn Troudt

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 8:04 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Special permit 12015/12016 Radix Camp and Camp Gargano

From: Holly Dravitzki [<mailto:hollydravitzki21@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 10:56 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Special permit 12015/12016 Radix Camp and Camp Gargano

I am writing this letter in support of the special permits requested by Camp Gargano and Camp Radix. The ministry and mission of these two camps is to work with youth...to build confidence, learn more about faith and morals, and to be good leaders.

Our world needs good role models like Doug Barry and through him and these camps...he is having a very positive effect on individuals and our society. I have 6 children and we have toured the facilities and participated in a rosary said for our country. I was very impressed by the camp and its vision to encourage each person to grow in their faith and to serve others. My daughter also knows the Barry family and has worked with them at the camp. I would without a doubt send all my children to this camp.

I can't imagine anyone NOT being impressed with what they are trying to do for our youth.

I absolutely support this request for the special permits and I hope you will consider supporting it too.

Sincerely,
Holly Dravitzki

To Whom It May Concern,

June 7, 2012

My name is Stephen Wathen, and I want to share my experiences in support of Camp Gargano. As a member of the military, I am lucky to see my family twice a year. I came home and attended a day camp at Camp Gargano with my brother Mark, who was 13. I helped out as a mentor and assistant coach for a multiple day camp, and I have a deep appreciation for what the Barry's are doing for the young people of the community. We spent all day participating in numerous physical activities, and Doug emphasized the importance of proper training techniques and set goals for these young men on their obstacle course.

Doug provides mentorship, team building, and goal setting which are important for the development of the youth, and will benefit them, their community, and any organization they are a part of in life. The impact Camp Gargano has on the people who participate in their events should not be underappreciated. Spending such a memorable time with my brother was a great experience and I graciously request your support in allowing Camp Gargano to continue to contribute to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Stephen Wathen
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Platoon Leader
Fort Carson, Colorado

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Dean Gengler
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Via email to shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov

June 8, 2012

RE: Camp Gargano request for special permits 12015 and 12016

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing in support of Camp Gargano and the work performed there by Mr. Barry, his family and assistants. I understand the camp is requesting the issue of special permits required for them to conduct additional activities at the Camp to assist with the financial viability of the Camp. I understand the financial constraints that can be presented in running any facility whose mission is a faith-based ministry. I support and ask that you grant the permits needed to assist Mr. Barry with the ministry he conducts at Camp Gargano.

I was privileged to attend a weekend camp last fall with approximately 30 boys ages 5th grade through High School Seniors from our St. John's Catholic schools here in Beloit, Kansas. I was one of several parents, teachers and coaches that attended the camp and was present for and participated in all activities, prayers, meetings, meals and other activities that took place over the course of the 3 days we were there. I can personally attest that this was a very positive spiritual and physical experience for our youth, as well as the adults that attended. It would be a shame if this ministry is not allowed to continue.

Mr. Barry challenged the boys to know and practice their faith as an essential and primary part of their lives. Knowing they would not always encounter positive reactions to their faith, he challenged them to increase their knowledge of their Catholic faith and to be ready to implement it and defend it by knowing what they believe and knowing it well. He mixed this with physical activity that promoted their understanding of the need to be both physically and mentally fit, a message that I believe was very apparent to the young men and will benefit them in the future. I believe this ministry is a positive influence on those who are able to attend the camp and urge you to grant the permits necessary for its continued operation.

Sincerely,

Dean Gengler

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Jean Preister

From: John Boever [johnboever@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2012 3:37 PM
To: Jean Preister; Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Re: Application for County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016 for a recreational facility at SW 29th & W Wittstruck Road.

Hello,

My name is John Boever. I am writing to express my full support of the tremendous work that Camp Gargano/Victory Quest has done and continues to do. My wife and I, and seven young children, recently attended the "Quest for the Vets" obstacle race over Memorial day. I am not quite sure how, but I managed to win the race. Needless to say, it was a thrill, but even better was the faces of our kiddos as they got to get dirty in the muddy obstacles and compete with other kids.

This race got great reviews from all of those I talked to. Several had competed in similar type races and they said this one was the most challenging and fun. It is a testament to the hours and hours of planning and hard work that Camp Gargano folks put into it. That's no easy task. It was very well run and provided a wholesome family atmosphere.

I am an optometrist at Shopko Eyecare in south Lincoln. I know that these events that Camp Gargano puts on will only enhance the quality of life of those who participate. This directly affects Lincoln area residents' general health through exercise. People from other cities even as far as Kansas City and others will want to race here as the word gets out.

My hope is that Camp Gargano gets full support from the community and I personally will continue to tell everyone about our great experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. John and Lindsay Boever
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Jean Preister

From: Barb Whitehead [onekidsmom@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: Application for County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016 for a recreational facility at SW 29th & W Wittstruck Road

Attention: Jean Preister, Administrative Officer, Planning commission

I admit to not being completely informed about this particular permit request, but I would like to share my experience with the Quest for the Vets, held by Victory Quest on Memorial Day at Camp Gargano.

My son is currently serving his country, in Afghanistan. My participation was to honor his service and have a connection with some of the challenges that he had to undergo to become a service member. I am pleased to recount that the entire event was conducted in a family-friendly, safe, and respectful way, and I felt entirely comfortable, supported and encouraged in my personal goals for the day. I believe the availability of such events and facilities makes our community richer, and gives us awareness of what a good life we enjoy here in Nebraska.

I would like to be able to have future events of this nature available, in a similar spirit: supported, diverse, and family-friendly. If the approval of this permit change makes that possible, I'm in favor.

Barbara Whitehead
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CORNERSTONE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
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Date: June 10th, 2012

From: Andrew Niewald

Re: In support of the approval for the special permit numbers #12015 and #12016 for Camp Gargano

Whom It May Concern,

In the fall of 2011, 26 students and several dads and teachers from our local high school traveled 2 ½ hours from Beloit, Kansas to Camp Gargano just outside of Lincoln, Nebraska for a 2 night retreat at the facilities of Camp Gargano. The nature of the retreat was to build comradere with the boys within our school as well as participating in the various physical and spiritual workouts to build Christian character. The workouts were provided by Doug Barry and his assistants. Hot meals, sleeping arrangements, and 2 days of packed activities made the entire experience well worth our effort to get our boys there. The boys and dads were challenged heavily both physically and spiritually that weekend...We all had a blast! All of us dads must have said 500 times that we wished we had such a facility that was available to us when we were growing up! And I imagine, that if anyone who is reading this letter has a son of any age...what a great bonding experience this will be for you and your son(s) when you spend a weekend with Doug Barry and complete many of the trainings at Camp Gargano.

It is my understanding that there are several people who do not want Camp Gargano to remain open. I find this to be extremely tragic! In a time in our country that lacks so much leadership and wholesome character on all levels ---in the home, in our churches, in our communities, and in our government...it is the sacrificial efforts, methods and mission of places like Camp Gargano that will get kids striving to become true men and true women! It is a place where fathers and sons can participate in challenging activities together! It is a place where family values and wholesomeness are encouraged, demanded, and trained.

I pray that those who are against Camp Gargano, truly take the time to experience it's mission. Once they do, they can't help but have their heart changed! My only hope is that other places around the country begin developing places such as Camp Gargano! It had an awesome impact on all our students and families and, God willing, we are able to bring boys up there again in the near future!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Andrew Niewald
Executive Director, Cornerstone Charitable Foundation
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Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW:

From: Jacob Schaad [<mailto:scha1327@ravens.benedictine.edu>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 12:22 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject:

To Whom This Concerns,

My name is a Jacob Schaad, and I am a Senior at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. I am writing on behalf of Camp Gargano for their requested permit numbers 12015 and 12016. Camp Gargano is a camp that EVERY SINGLE MAN IN AMERICA needs to attend. The lessons taught by Mr. Doug Barry are all vital lessons for learning what it means to be a real man. To not allow the camp to expand this mission of teaching men to be men, would be a detrimental blow to our society. The world needs real men now more than ever to be leaders who are not afraid to stand up for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mr. Doug Barry is an outstanding individual who has raised a beautiful family, and is a blessing to the Lincoln area. He is totally committed to living the mission that Jesus Christ has for him in his life, and has put countless hours and many sacrifices into making sure that young people here the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please realize how much good Camp Gargano has done for men and allow Mr. Barry and his staff to continue to be totally sold out for Christ and expand their work of love. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

All the Best in Christ,
Jake Schaad
Eagle Scout

Jean Preister

From: Rebecca Montag [rebecca@montagmfg.com]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:18 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: More family events needed in our society!

Jean Preister,

I understand that you are considering a Special Permit for Camp Gargano so that they can continue to host family events like Victory Quest that they had on Memorial Day. My whole family attend the event and two of my brothers ran in the race and the reason for my email is that I would like to encourage you to do what you could to help these kind of wholesome / family orientated events to take place.

We need more of these kind of things in our society – not less.

Thank you,

Rebecca Montag
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Jean Preister

Subject: RE: Application for County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016 for a recreational facility at SW 29th & W Wittstruck Road. (UNCLASSIFIED)

-----Original Message-----

From: York, Matthew S MAJ MIL NG NE ARNG [<mailto:matthew.s.york@us.army.mil>]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 11:33 AM

To: Jean Preister

Subject: Re: Application for County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016 for a recreational facility at SW 29th & W Wittstruck Road. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Jean -

Reference this request for special permit at Camp Gargano - I would like to express my sincere hopes their request is granted. I participated in this VictoryQuest event on 28 May, and it was the most positive and physically challenging thing I have done in a considerable amount of time. I also signed my daughter up for the youth event, and she thoroughly enjoyed it. I have since sought opportunity to participate in other events elsewhere, and have scheduled myself for a few similar events in the fall.

I believe this is a positive thing, and from what I have been reading lately, these mud races / obstacle events are growing exponentially in popularity. A recent similar event, the "Warrior Dash", was held this past weekend in Louisville. I cannot attest to the numbers of people that participated, but there were a few thousand. There are also 2 to 3 more events like this scheduled in Nebraska later this summer.

This is an opportunity for a local business to attract commerce to Lancaster County. The approval of their special permit will have a positive impact on the community, and the individuals who participate as well. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Haley Otte and I am writing this letter in support of sp 12015 and 12016 for Camp Gargano.

First off, I would like to say that I am appalled at the lack of charity and simple tactfulness among friends and neighbors against Camp Gargano/RADIX and the Barry Family. If the Barry's are trying to change the zoning of the land to help better provide for their family and keep the good work of Camp Gargano running, why can't they or why shouldn't they? If neighbors and surrounding acreages have concerns, I know the Barry's would more than be happy to cooperate and try to make everyone happy to the best of their ability. But, realistically some bright lights, 500 people 6 times a year and some wood structures people don't want to look at, should NOT be a reason to not allow the permit of the land to change. I believe that through this whole process the slander and accusations against Camp Gargano and Mr. Barry are wrong, malicious, and not fact-based.

Second, Camp Gargano has impacted my family in so many ways! My brothers and I were introduced to the Barry family and Camp Gargano 2 years ago and they have helped my family and I grow to be better people. My brothers have attended the workout and spiritual exercises out there and have grown spiritually, mentally, and physically. I have attended the girl retreats as well as the Rosary Rally and many other spiritual centered events. If this permit does not pass, the good work of Camp Gargano that is so fruitful and beneficial to our world and even specifically our community here in Lincoln, will cease to continue.

Third, I know Mr. Barry and his family personally. They are a wonderful family and have been such an amazing example for me in so many different ways. I trust Mr. Barry with anything and know that he has, is, and will make good, wise decisions regarding the Camp. He is a man a virtue, integrity and honesty and is a great example to young men and women who attend events at Camp Gargano. He has always welcomed anyone and everyone to events at Camp Gargano, trying to spread the message he so fervently believes in. He is not a liar, or a misleader, he is a strong example for many people including myself. The reason he does what he does is to help men and women become the greatest person they can be on every level and aspect of life!

Thank you again, you must read and understand the facts before making your decision regarding this facility. Please do not let a couple of angry neighbors deter you from letting Camp Gargano continue its necessary and beneficial work.

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Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 10:20 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Special Permits

From: Lindy Meyer [<mailto:lindymeyerfcp@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 9:23 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Special Permits

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today in favor of special permit numbers 12015 and 12016 for Camp Gargano. My two sons and husband attended a camp hosted by Camp Gargano last fall and tremendously enjoyed their time at the camp. I would ask you to give Camp Gargano the permits being sought so their work can continue. My husband attended as an adult sponsor and was greatly impressed with the organization, respect and message the camp leadership had to offer our young men. My two sons, aged 15 and 13 at the time, had a lot of fun at the camp. However, much more than fun was had during their weekend at Camp Gargano. The underlying themes of their weekend were chivalry, respect and leadership. Our society could use more of this and a camp dedicated to fostering this in the young men of our day should be supported by civic and private leaders at every opportunity. My sons came home opening doors for their female classmates, allowing them to go first at lunch. They also came home ready for work and service. Not only did my sons attend this camp, but also nearly 30 of their schoolmates. The input at Camp Gargano was noticed school wide. All of the young men were serious about being a good example to their fellow students and throughout their community. They were more respectful to the girls in the school, they were inspired to do works of service in the community, they were ready to sacrifice and do the hard work necessary to succeed in the classroom and beyond. As I mentioned, my husband was very impressed with the work of Camp Gargano. His only complaint was that the camp was too short. He felt our young men could benefit from a week long experience rather than just a weekend and that they definitely would benefit from returning to the camp.

Regardless of religious affiliation, all men (young and old) will greatly benefit from the life lessons Camp Gargano would like to instill in young men. Our society will only benefit from young men ready to enter the world being respectful, chivalrous, hard working, service minded citizens.

Please allow Camp Gargano to obtain the special permits.

Sincerely,
Lindy Meyer
Concordia, KS

Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 3:15 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Camp Gargano Permit

From: Tony Meyer [<mailto:tonymmeyer@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 2:44 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Camp Gargano Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to grant special permit numbers 12015 and 12016 to Camp Gargano. I attended this camp with my sons along with nearly 30 middle and high school students and sponsors from Kansas this past fall. As a teacher and parent I was greatly impressed with the work of Camp Gargano in forming the young men of our society to be strong leaders. Camp Gargano works to build their faith life and relationship with God but also to make them strong leaders in their families, communities and careers. The discipline learned through the physical activities of the camp helps build a strong work ethic and commitment to quality. Our world needs good leaders with the qualities Camp Gargano is seeking to build in our youth. The work done there is part of building a better future for America.

Again, I ask you to grant Camp Gargano the permits they are seeking.

Anthony Meyer
Concordia, KS

Jean Preister

From: Rachael Montag [rachael@montagmfg.com]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 3:13 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: Victory Quest!

Jean Preister,

This email is in regards to the recent event, "Victory Quest" which was held at Camp Gargano on Memorial Day. My family and I attended and were thrilled with the way it was conducted! Being myself a member of Soldiers Angels (a group of volunteers who support our soldiers in many ways, such as sending letters, care-packets ...ext. while they are deployed) I was touched to see such an amazing event organized on Memorial Day, for Vets and their families!! I mean really this was a wonderful idea!! As well was a great way to spend Memorial Day, with wholesome fun for the whole family! And I cannot tell you enough how much I hope these events and others like it will continue to happen and happen more often!!

Sincerely,

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Re. Camp Gargano

To whom this concerns,

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It has been called to my attention that RADIX Camp Gargano has been undergoing the scrutiny of those who have been miss-informed either intentionally by the direction of evil or unintentionally by the negligence of refusing to research the positive work that is being done at this fine facility.

As our world becomes ever-more numb to the effects of the subtle plants of evil in secular society, the strength of character and the message being brought to our youth at Camp Gargano are more increasingly important. It comes to no surprise to me that there are people who would oppose the good that is being done there. This is what the evil one wants to happen and his deception is definitely blinding a lot of good folks into not seeing the work that the Barry's are doing.

I challenge you to look at yourselves. I challenge you to be aware of those around you. I challenge you to take a long hard look inside the walls of your schools and churches. What you will see is failed male leadership. We have a society of men not willing to embrace the roll that God has set for them. Men protect their families. Men stand up for what's good and pure. Men stand in the face of evil. Men support their church leaders and defend the doctrines that this country was built on.

Camp Gargano teaches many important Bible and faith based message that young men and women so sorely need in this world of deceit.

This past year, I got the distinct honor to sponsor a group of young men to Camp Gargano. I was unprepared for what I would experience. It was absolutely one of the most challenging weekends that would forever change my direction in life...as a husband, a father, and as a man. I experienced this weekend with two of my own son's. Their spiritual journeys have become strengthened by the messages brought forth during

the time spent there. I left that weekend knowing that my boys, in the face of adversity, would possess the character necessary to resist the temptations we all face. Here's the kicker...our group brought several young men to the camp that had little to no male influences in their homes. These young men gained insight as to their role as the man of their environment. I have seen these young men take what they have learned and "step-it-up" at their homes. They are taking their role seriously and stepping in front of their families when times get tough. Our world needs this.

I encourage everyone to witness the character of the Doug Barry family. Spending the weekend in their presence was unbelievable. I haven't met a nicer group of folks. The Barry's live the messages they teach. One hour with them will tell you that.

Since the weekend spent at Camp Gargano, I have taken the message to our area and have worked with other men. I have encouraged others to "Man-up" and take seriously the roles they have been designed. My 17 year-old son, who attended the weekend with our group, has since taken on several leadership roles in our diocese and beyond. He is taking the lessons learned and putting them into action. I trust, that whoever is reading this, would be proud to have him as their next door neighbor. He is one you can count on to step up when others are in need.

I gained much through the opportunity to be in the sessions at Camp Gargano. As a father of 3 young men; 24, 17, and 14, I have had many opportunities to council and teach the principles of our faith and how we are expected by our wives and mothers to lead our families.

Only good comes from Camp Gargano. I implore those who take issue with the work being done there to examine their conscience and ask themselves "why am I against someone or something that is holy"?

Please get to know someone or something before you condemn.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Allen Kee

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Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:23 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Camp Gargano Special Permit 12015 & 12016

From: Kim Gengler [<mailto:genglerkim@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 11:53 PM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Camp Gargano Special Permit 12015 & 12016

To Whom This May Concern:

RADIX Camp Gargano was a great experience for my 16 year old son last fall. He came back with direction and knowing God's purpose and plan for his role in this life. Everything that I heard from all of the men, young men and boys that attended camp last Fall was positive and very encouraging for the future of our community, country and world.

Please approve the issuance of special permits 12015 and 12016 so that Camp Gargano can continue to form boys and young men into the men that this world so desperately needs.

Thank you,

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Jean Preister

From: Heather Hall [hshall03@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 6:18 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: Application for County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016 for a recreational facility at SW 29th & W Wittstruck Road.

Dear Jean,

I hope this message isn't reaching you too late. My name is Heather Hall and I am writing in complete and total support of Radix/Camp Gargano's application for these permits. My husband and I along with our two young children (ages 1 and 5) are next door neighbors to the Barry's, and our property is directly east of the recreational facility. Our address is **14445 SW 15th Cir, Roca, NE 68430**.

I participated in the Quest for the Vets event on May 28th, 2012 and felt it was not only run extremely well, but that it was also a positive and family friendly event. I feel that a facility like this would be able to help provide many more positive experiences for those wanting to improve their health and self confidence. In this day and age where obesity is sadly and epidemic in both adults and children, and mental disorders such as depression are on the rise, I feel very strongly that a facility like this is what our community needs - a facility that promotes health, wellness, and for individuals to realize their true potential and encourages their spirituality no matter their beliefs or religious denomination.

Again, I am in full support of Radix/Camp Gargano's application for these permits. If you would like to contact us please call us at **402.794.4073 (home) or 402.440.1546 (cell)**. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Heather S. Hall

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Jean Preister

From: Leslie Aldag [leslie@premierfinancialinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:37 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: Re: Application for County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016 for a recreational facility at SW 29th & W Wittstruck Road

I'm writing in support of Camp Gargano and a change in their permit allowing them to offer more activities on their property.

I recently participated in a family, fund-raising event at the site, Quest for the Vets, on Memorial Day. It was a fun, personally challenging event for me. The children enjoyed their event and they loved watching the adults as they struggled (well some of us) through the mud and obstacles. It was the first of what I hope are many events to raise money for our local veteran organizations. Camp Gargano is unique to our area. Children as well as adults will benefit from the physical fitness and team building it requires and have fun doing it! I tried to find a "team building boot camp" in Nebraska and couldn't, just a list of ideas. This is your opportunity to offer one in Lancaster County that corporations, team units or small companies can utilize for a day. There are possibilities for private fitness events as well.

Please consider a change in the permit so Camp Gargano may offer more family friendly activities in the future and other opportunities that may bring revenue to the city, county and state without disrupting the serenity of area.

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Aldag
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To Whom it May Concern,

Our names our Casie and Andy Otte and we write in great support of Camp Gargano, its work, its mission, and its facilitators.

Camp Gargano has impacted the lives of many of our children in tremendously positive ways. It has helped our son Jacob to reach for his fullest potential. Since going out to Gargano for many of their camps and programs, Jacob has developed a much more steady workout routine, and continues to strive to implement the virtues that are taught at the camp in his daily life. As his parents we both see the improvement in him and are grateful to Gargano for its positive influence in Jake's life.

Camp Gargano has encouraged our 12 year old son Zachary and our 11 year old son Matthew to push them to reach their goals both physically and virtuously as well. The camp is helping them to achieve great results.

Additionally, Gargano has given us a chance to participate in wholesome family activities which brings us closer as a family. It has even shown my mother (Casie's mom) that there are good men in the world that truly seek to fulfill their high calling and who will physically/mentally/spiritually protect and not harm others.

The camp and its programs has given my 18 year old daughter Haley a place to meet other teens that are seeking to live a virtuously filled life so they can band together and strive for greatness. It is a place of peace, joy, companionship, truth, strength, love and much more! Isn't this something that should be supported? We say YES and give our full support!

In reading the opposition letters, it seems that every concern can be addressed by the camp in a reasonable way while still letting the camp continue. Additionally, in our humble opinion, it seems that at least a few of the concerns are baseless and have zero evidence of having occurred or even possibly occurring in the future. Let's give the camp a chance to continue to prove itself and help other families like it has ours! Thank you!

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Date: June 13, 2012

RE: In support of the approval for the special permit numbers # 12015 and # 12016 for Camp Gargano

To Whom It May Concern,

Gosh, what level of intense support might I be able to emphatically express on behalf of Camp Gargano . . . ? I am a member of a Catholic parish in North Central Kansas, in the burg of Beloit and my wife and I are the parents of three children, ages 13, 10 and 4.

Our Catholic school here in Beloit had the wonderful opportunity to have 26 young men (along with numerous fathers) attend a several day retreat last fall at Camp Gargano. The positive impact of character development, leadership and virtue upon the lives of those young men (and their dads!) is unmistakable! And, these constructive characteristics will be forever embedded into the daily activities henceforth within the lives of those young men.

What Doug Barry and his team at Camp Gargano (mainly his family!) have accomplished is nothing short of Herculean . . . the daily messages of integrity, wholesomeness, teamwork, hard work and overall mission-driven mentality should be the model for every family, every school, every town---doggone it, the messages of Camp Gargano would be beneficial (and the model for leadership!) for our country.

It has come to my attention the future status of Camp Gargano is in question . . . ? How could this be so . . . ? Regardless the reason, I can only fervently relay my ardent support for the mission of Camp Gargano and the work of Doug Barry.

Thank you.



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Jean Preister

From: Sara S. Hartzell
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 11:51 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Regarding SP 12015, SP 12016

From: Matthew Quintero [<mailto:holybratwurst@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 4:29 AM
To: Sara S. Hartzell
Subject: Regarding SP 12015, SP 12016

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to send in a letter in regards to Doug Barry and County Special Permit 12015 and City Special Permit 12016. I was a participant in several of his organized activities and camps when I was in high school and they were all great experiences. Myself and the other youth did a lot of team building exercises that were very physically challenging but also very fulfilling. Everything we did was in a very controlled environment and we were never forced to do anything that we didn't think we could do. I have always recommended that my friends participate in these camps and that they in turn should tell their friends and younger siblings and get them involved as well.

I consider Doug Barry to be one of the most upright and honorable men I've ever had the honor of knowing and frankly, I consider him to be one of my personal role models. The expansion of his enterprises will do nothing but positively impact the community, both youth and adults. The "Victory Quest" 5K that he held recently was a great event, and everyone there I heard talking about it said that it was an extremely fun experience. I myself hope that it becomes an annual tradition, so that I can continue to challenge myself physically and maintain the spirit of competition with my friends. It would be a great tragedy if this camp were to close. Please don't allow that to happen.

~ Matthew Quintero