

Dear City Council,

My name is Anne Brooks, I am the Communications & Development Coordinator at Merrymount. I have worked at Merrymount for almost 8 years. In that time I have learned a great deal about Merrymount, this community and the families it serves. Merrymount is there for families in this community when they need it, the staff don't turn families away, and they listen trying to support them to the best of their ability. The staff and programming Merrymount provides is monumental in supporting families who do not have a support system. I have interviewed a lot of families for a variety of communications materials and it is unbelievable the amount of support these families have received, and how far they have come from their first steps in the door, to when they leave Merrymount for the last time, feeling confident and working hard to be the best parents and the strongest family they can be.

Merrymount is a unique organization, and has been helping families in this community for over 140 years.

I hope you will consider supporting Merrymount's request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Brooks