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To the Board of Commissioners,

I wanted to send a personal email about the rezoning application for Thumbs Up Mission. I understand the community's hesitance towards the project but personally I believe the allowance of the project would be far more beneficial than harmful.

My father, Dick Baxter, was one of the few paid employees by Thumbs Up for 9 years. I'm a daughter of a man that beat prostate cancer when I was in high school. He felt so passionately about Thumbs Up Mission that he worked for them until his final days. He went to countless funerals and told others often he saw this job as an opportunity to "walk others home." He passed away from complications with pancreatic cancer in 2024 where my family and I had the pleasure and deep pain of walking him home. Being a child of a dad that beat cancer and also lost to cancer, I can say that the Thumbs Up community has been much larger than just a camp to my family. My husband, stepson, son & I have been volunteers with Thumbs Up since 2022. We have had the pleasure of walking with numerous families through their cancer journeys. In turn, when we lost my dad, we received an overpouring of love by the Thumbs Up community. Showing up to serve at camps, my dad's old workplace, has been mixed with immense sadness but it far outweighs the joy of being able to serve others

walking this path. This nonprofit is far more than just camps. It's near impossible to put into words and sentences of how much a simple camp affects these families. The only way I can try to put it into words is by telling you, my story. My family plans on continuing to show up to every camp we can. This group is one you want in your backyard.

This is a community that isn't going to stop here. They will find a way to continue their mission on. I sincerely hope that you give them the opportunity to serve and love on these families that so desperately need it, here in Hall County.

My father had a closet full of blue button-down oxford shirts and khaki pants. He mowed the lawn in khaki shorts. However, he would show up to camp in a tie dye shirt without question. I ask that you all maybe consider the same. The zone request might not fit that area exactly, just like a tie-dye shirt certainly did not suit Dick Baxter. However, the mission of Thumbs Up was something he was more than willing to get behind so without question wore that shirt with pride.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate you letting me tell you a bit about why this nonprofit means so much to me and my family.

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