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Operation Transformation is pleased to announce that **Hunter Hospitality House, under founders Jeff and Tracy Willard**, has completed the Operation Transformation Certification Application Process, which was reviewed by the OT Certification Committee.

The Board of Directors of Operation Transformation identified a need in our community for faith-based organizations, organized on a charitable basis, to ensure they were in compliance with legal and industry standards for operations. The area's donor organizations have sought guidance from Operation Transformation as to the credibility and worthiness of various organizations.

To meet this need, the OT Board instituted the Certification Committee, with the purpose of establishing a process by which faith-based organizations can review their paperwork and practices. The Certification Committee is comprised of an attorney, an accountant, an insurance agent, a business owner and a non-profit director. The Committee has formulated an Application Process, which covers areas such as the organization's legal structure, foundational statements, directors and board member information, financial and tax information, faith-based status, employees and volunteer information, and document management. Upon completion of the application, it is signed as being true and complete by someone in the organization's management/administrative role and a board member representative.

The Operation Transformation Certification Committee is pleased to serve the community in this fashion. To review the Faith-Based Application and Self-Review Checklist go to www.optrans.org and click on Certification. Inquiries may also be made by calling the Operation Transformation office at 810-966-8660.

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