

MINISTRIES
P.O. Box 820538, Vicksburg, MS 39182

Hand delivered 10/2/2025
Emailed Sponsorship application
10/2/2025
LLM declined sponsorship 10/10/2025
(see attached)

October 2, 2025

Ms. Deborah Nickson, City Clerk
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Dear Ms. Nickson,

The purpose of this letter is to officially confirm our plan to conduct a fundraising program at the location of the Riverfront Murals on Levee Street just north of the intersection with Clay Street, as discussed with Mayor Willis Thompson on Monday, September 29, 2025, and to request the support and assistance of the City of Vicksburg.

The program will consist of live actors and performers at 5 of the murals to depict and/or narrate the subject of the 5 murals. It will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 14. The audience will be divided into small groups of 10 – 20 people who will be guided to each of the 5 murals at approximately 15-minute intervals until 9:00 PM. There will be an admission charge of \$15 per person over 12 years old, and all proceeds will be given to financially support Lifting Lives Ministry (LLM) which operates a Family Shelter at 40 Hwy 80, within the city of Vicksburg.

In addition to the admission charge for the program, several businesses and organizations will be sponsoring the event by making a contribution of \$200. The funds paid by sponsors will be given to LLM. The sponsors will be listed in the program given to each person attending.

The LLM Family Shelter provides shelter and other needs of homeless families. It is the largest of only 4 Family Shelters in Mississippi. There are various shelters for men, shelters for women, and shelters for children, but only 4 where families can receive care and stay together as a family and not be divided up to go to separate shelters. In addition to providing housing and support for approximately 20 families in residence at the shelter, LLM provides food, clothing and counseling assistance to many other homeless families each year. LLM is fully funded by fundraising events, special contributions, and income from the Lifting Lives Thrift Store on Hwy. 27 just south of the shelter.

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We respectfully request that the City of Vicksburg assist us on the night of the program by providing support as follows:

- Be listed as one of our sponsors by providing a \$200 contribution; please advertise this city-sponsored event on VTV in October & November.
- Provide services of the Vicksburg Police Department and other agencies as necessary to insure security and traffic control in the area of the program, generally along Levee Street from Clay Street to Grove Street.
- Allow for public parking on the river side of the floodwall for attendees of the program.
- Allow for parking and possibly a food vendor and/or refreshment vendor on Levee Street.
- Provide golf carts from the city to help in transporting people from parking areas on the riverside of the floodwall to the entrance of the program at the foot of Clay Street.
- Make sure the grass in front of the murals is appropriately cut and trimmed.
- Make sure lighting on the murals is working properly on November 14.
- Make sure the public restrooms across the street from the murals in the children's play area are clean and open during the event.

As noted above, this program is planned for 7 – 9 PM on Friday, November 14. If the forecast shows high probability of inclement weather on that night, we may delay the event to November 21, and would need the support on the 21st instead of the 14th. Please call if you have any questions or suggestions.

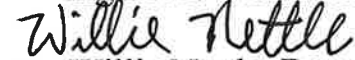
Gratefully yours,



Nellie Caldwell, Chairman

Vicksburg Waterfront Mural Committee & Former Board Member

Lifting Lives Board of Directors – 601-529-7187



Dr. Willie Nettle, Board Member

Lifting Lives Board of Directors – 601-415-6583

CC: Mayor Willis Thompson

Vicksburg Murals
and
Lifting Lives Ministries

will be presenting

Murals *in* Action

November 14, 2025

Live Actors and Musicians will be portraying
the subject of 5 Murals

At the Riverfront Murals on Levee Street

The Program will be about 1 hour
and will begin at 15 minute Intervals
from 7 to 9 pm

ADMISSION \$15

Free for children under 12

*Tickets will be available at the Riverfront Murals
on the night of the program*

All proceeds will go to support the

LIFTING LIVES FAMILY SHELTER

