

ORDINANCE NO. 6432 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CHILDREN OF GOD, INC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Children of God, Inc. is a local non-profit organization with the mission of impacting the lives of local families and stakeholders by positively addressing challenges with resources and activities to prevent criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, Children of God, Inc. has been successfully providing support to at-risk youth in Caddo Parish with crisis intervention, conflict resolution, financial literacy training, job placement, and personal development since 2020; and

WHEREAS, Children of God, Inc. has partnered with Priority, Intentions, Practical Exchanges (PIPES), Inc. to host the inaugural "Dinner With My Dad, An Evening of Celebrating Fatherhood" event on June 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this event addresses the launch of the Fatherhood Initiative, a national fatherhood family-focused initiative that aims to bring dads and youth together with the community to uplift through positive interactions.; and

WHEREAS, this crime prevention initiative event aims to decrease criminal activity through learning techniques, decreasing emotional and behavioral problems, and lowering juvenile incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this initiative provides an alternative to juvenile detention centers, break fatherlessness, decrease the prison pipeline, increase awareness, and teaches core values that help decrease drop-out rates, increase self-reflection and determination, while supporting father involvement, strengthening family ties, addressing poverty, economic stability, and contributing to society; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Riverboat Fund to appropriate funds for Children of God, Inc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2024 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Allocation to Other Entities	
NGO Appropriations	
Children of God, Inc.	\$5,000
Fund Balance	(\$5,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date