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## To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as our 60 day notice that Noah's Ark Children Care Homes, Inc. has made the decision to terminate it's contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services. We have given this a lot of time, thought, and prayer. The last child we had in our care left us in March 2010. She is now 20 years old, has a job and is living on her own. She was with us over 10 years. This young lady was the only child that has been in our care since July 2008. As you can see, it's been over 2 years since DFCS has placed children in our care.

Noah's Ark has always helped children and families and will continue to help them in the future. While we appreciate the relationship we have had with the state/DFCS over the past 17 years, we have decided that the requirements and costs of meeting state regulations, yet not receiving any children through the state, are preventing us from helping the many children and families we feel called to serve.

If the trend changes, and the state starts placing children into facilities like Noah's Ark again, please call and we will be glad to open our doors again. Until that time, we will only be taking private referrals. Please advise us if any further action is required.

Sincerely,

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