

Scott Matthews

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Good Morning,

We are Patrick and Lauren Shanley of 72 Highland Street here in Newton. We are the direct next door neighbors of the Second Church of Newton and are writing to let you know of our strong support for the special permit that the Second Church is applying for. Not only has the Second Church been a great neighbor to us personally and we notice the work they do for the community as well, including the giving of lunchboxes filled with food they hand out each week, as well as their diaper drive and scholarships for seniors. They would not be able to continue this work or maintain the beautiful building without having paying tenants including the new occupational therapy practice. Additionally, as a social worker I (Patrick Shanley LICSW License # 123288) can attest that there is a strong need for occupational therapists for children in this area of Massachusetts. Please give this special permit application the consideration and support it deserves.

Sincerely,
Lauren and Patrick Shanley
72 Highland St, Newton MA