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## **Budget Cut: Statesboro Young Could Lose Their House**

**STATESBORO, Ga., Sept. 21, 2018** - The Statesboro Young Life committee met on Thursday evening to discuss a potential budget cut that will force Statesboro Young Life to lose their house if approved. The committee proposed a budget cut on rent with the objective of allocating more money to hire a new area director.

Statesboro Young Life has resided at the property for a short period of 10 months, but they must operate on a limited budget of \$7,000 for the entire year, according to J. J. Puccio, Statesboro Young Life Committee chairman.

The 2,041 square-foot property on 100 S Zetterower Ave. rents for \$563 per month, according to Max Manack, Statesboro Young Life committee member. “The gentleman who owns the house rents it to us at a good deal,” Manack said. “I worry that Statesboro Young Life will never be able to afford a house again if we give this one up.”

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Leaders and high schoolers of Statesboro Young Life had mixed reviews when they heard the news. “Young Life is about Jesus, high schoolers, and the relationships we form with kids and one another,” said Stephanie Riddle, South East Bulloch High School team leader and Young Life leader. “I am willing to give up the house if we need to in order to hire a new area director.”

Statesboro Young Life utilizes their house for storage, bi-monthly leadership meetings, weekly campaigners gatherings, and as a place for members to hang out. “Every thing that Statesboro Young Life has ever owned is stored in our house,” said Greer Kerns, SEBHS Young Life leader. “Without the house, we will have nowhere to store anything.”

If Statesboro Young Life was to hire an area director, he or she would need an office space to work. “If an area director was hired, our housing budget would be even smaller,” said J.J. Puccio, Statesboro Young Life Committee chairman. “I do not think we could find an option cheaper than \$563 per month for the size of the property.”

The Statesboro Young Life committee will meet again in two weeks to cast a final vote and decide whether or not Statesboro Young Life needs a house.

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