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February 6, 2021

Karen L. Fingerman, Ph.D.  
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Co-Directors, Texas Aging and Longevity Center  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, TX 78712

We write as Co-Directors of the Texas Aging and Longevity Center (TALC), a unit within U.T. Austin's College of Liberal Arts, committed to high-quality basic and applied aging research. The Center strives to develop evidence-based strategies for policy and practice at the individual, community, and national level. As part of our mission, we seek to educate UT researchers in the concerns of aging populations, to respond to the changing needs for community assistance, and to design important and effective research and policies.

We would like to acknowledge the important work of Professor Jacqueline Angel, a member of TALC's Executive Committee, and her students from the LBJ School of Public Affairs on City Council's Resolution #41, encompassing a review of a new model of co-located housing and care that enables low-income seniors to age in place with integrated health services and multigenerational programming. We support and appreciate the City of Austin's support of these efforts. The implementation of the project entails working with the City of Austin's Public Health Department, Public Work's Department, Parks and Recreation, Economic Department, Real Estate Office, Assistant City Manager's Office, Office of the Age-Friendly City Action Plan, Commission on Seniors as well as partners and foundations who have provided letters of commitment and support.

TALC has future collaborations on the near horizon. This project fits squarely into the expansion of the University's child development centers. We are also developing a T-32 transdisciplinary graduate training program in aging involving applied research, policy implementation, and externships in the greater Austin metropolitan area. Professor Angel has been working for the several years to vision with our community a new program serving the most vulnerable seniors and young children. Probably the most important piece of the community's vision is for additional low-income housing for seniors who can no longer afford the rents in East Austin linked to integrated health and an intergenerational day center. The Rebekah Baines Johnson Center for Independent Living (RBJ) for seniors 62 years and older and people with disabilities, located at 21 Waller Street, is a particularly attractive neighborhood. TALC will work together with the City of Austin, UT Institutional officials on our educational services to bring residents of the building and neighborhood children together in shared space. TALC has been dreaming about what it will be like when the new apartment complex adjacent, consisting of 250 additional units, to the RBJ tower are built in 2021. We are excited to think about the expansion of intergenerational services and the increase in numbers of seniors engaged with young children that we will be able to assist with in our collaboration. TALC serves as a centralized resource for the broader community with regard to issues in aging is critical to the success of the initiative. But without City Leadership for development of the IDC Center's location for adult and child care services, the dream will not be realized.

We believe the City of Austin has a unique opportunity to establish an innovative public-private partnership for an intergenerational care center of excellence that is financially sustainable for the neediest residents. This model is based on an approach pioneered by UT Austin's Child Development Center, and has been proven to reduce loneliness and increase overall health for seniors in adult day centers. Further, the center will help low-income parents who have to care for both a child and aging parent. In total, the childcare center will require approximately 10,000 square feet of indoor space and an outdoor learning environment, and an initial cost of \$423,750 for renovation and build out.

We recognized that having affordable housing and intergenerational services all in one place has multiple benefits for all age groups. For all these reasons, we look forward to working with the City and our partners on this important initiative. Toward that end, we can contribute \$5,000 to implementation efforts.

We are happy to provide additional information about TALC's planned activities and can be reached by email at [kfingerman@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:kfingerman@austin.utexas.edu) or [umberson@prc.utexas.edu](mailto:umberson@prc.utexas.edu)

Thank you.

Karen Fingerman, Ph.D.



Professor of Human Development and Family Sciences  
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**Drive a Senior<sup>®</sup>**  
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August 20, 2019

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Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs  
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Dr. Angel,

Drive a Senior Central Texas is committed to enriching lives and communities by providing transportation and socialization for non-driving seniors to help them achieve healthy and active aging in place.

The Board of Drive a Senior Central Texas would like to express our support for the proposed Age-Inclusive Center at the RBJ Health Administration Building. Drive a Senior Central Texas currently drives seniors living in zip code 78702 and south of the Colorado River, primarily west of 1-35. Our organization's group and individual rides allow seniors weekly access to healthy food, medical and wellness appointments, participation in community programs such as Mike's Place, opportunities for fellowship and an enhanced sense of community by providing a network of social support for dealing with aging-related stresses and loneliness. Our rides also foster volunteerism and intergenerational activities which provide seniors a sense of purpose, self-satisfaction and fulfillment from feeling connected and contributing to their communities.

There are other non-profit groups, Drive a Senior West and Drive a Senior North Central, who share a common mission and serve seniors living in some of the other zip codes referenced in your report. I will keep their board presidents apprised and involved regarding this opportunity to impact the lives of some of our most vulnerable friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

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Mary Sue Clyne  
Board Chair, Drive a Senior Central Texas

cc: MaryAnn Longenecker – Board President, Drive a Senior North Central Austin  
Marilyn Ross – Board President, Drive a Senior West Austin  
Joseph Vasquez – Board Member, Drive a Senior Central Texas



**Central Texas Community Health Centers  
dba CommUnityCare Health Centers**

April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

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During calendar year 2018, CommUnityCare Health Centers cared for 6,495 unique patients that were 65 years of age or older. Like many of the almost 99,000 total unique patients we served in 2018, many of our geriatric patients live in Austin and many have limited financial means (i.e. have an income level below 200% of the federal poverty level).

And, over the last several years, we have seen a steady increase in the number of patients we are serving that are over the age of 65 with this increase indicative of the increasing need for accessible and affordable health care by our geriatric neighbors. So, as Austin continues to grow and expand, it is imperative that residents, and in particular vulnerable residents including older individuals, have access to needed services within the communities they know and live.

With this in mind, CommUnityCare strongly supports the City of Austin's feasibility study to establish a Geriatric Center as contemplated in Resolution 20181018-041. CommUnityCare is also very interested in participating and informing this assessment including helping to determine what the current gaps in geriatric health care services are, what these gaps will look like in the future, and how we can best support an initiative that ensures that our most vulnerable geriatric residents have access to the health care they need and deserve.

With my very best regards,



Jason T. Fournier, DC, MPH  
President and Chief Executive Officer



April 22, 2019

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RE: Letter of Intent – Pilot Project – City of Austin – Resolution 41

Dear Jacqui;

Thank you for reaching out to us regarding the pilot project in development around Resolution 41. It has taken a bit of time to pull our numbers together. Per our previous conversation, below are the direct costs for AGE to accomplish the following:

1. Drive a direct route from RBJ to AGE in order to service those older adults who would qualify for our Adult Day Health Center.
2. Drive a route within the 12 zip codes that were indicated through Resolution 41 to pick up and transport to AGE those individuals who would qualify for the program.

The Adult Day Health Center has a license for 59 individuals. We currently have an average of 37 attending daily, so our expense estimates are based on adding 12 new members. In addition, there is an intake process that is performed by a licensed social worker who will determine eligibility for those individuals interested in attending. We are a licensed Medicaid and VA facility and take benefit payments from both. The private pay rate is \$65. Our actual estimated cost to serve one person on a daily basis is \$85.

Our costs associated with the pilot for 1 year are the following:

Additional staffing if adding 8 or more members – 2 - \$56,500

Benefits – 2 staff - \$12,000

\*The State requires a 1 to 8 ratio of staff to members. We serve at a 6 to 1 ratio.

Van – 2 routes - includes fuel, repairs, wear and tear - \$26,500.00

Food costs for 12 members - \$24,000

Activity Expenses - \$3,500

Other ancillary costs - \$5,000

Total - \$127,500

Monthly per member = \$886

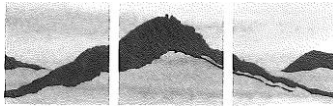
Depending on the mix of individuals attending, our direct costs would be offset by Medicaid, VA or Private Pay revenue, so we would have to fully understand more about the pilot program and who would be attending in order to make more accurate direct cost estimates after revenue is taken into consideration.

I am happy to visit with you more about this or to answer any questions that you might have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**Suzanne Anderson**

Suzanne Anderson  
Executive Director  
AGE of Central Texas



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& MARIE JO ANDERSON

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April 9, 2018

Mr. Greg Canally  
Interim Chief Financial Officer  
City of Austin  
301 W. Second Street  
Austin, TX 78701

Re: RBJ Health Administration Building Bond Proposal

Dear Mr. Canally,

I write today on behalf of the Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation in support of the RBJ Health Administration Project. We strongly support the addition of needed supports for the current and future vulnerable senior residents of the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center residential tower as well as the low-income residents in the surrounding area.

The Anderson Foundation's mission is to support: programs that work to meet the essential needs of vulnerable children and programs that enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and vulnerable seniors. We have been a strong supporter of the RBJ Center, Meals on Wheels Central TX, Family Eldercare, AGE of Central TX, and People's Community Clinic awarding grants of over \$1.3 million since 2011, including a \$200,000 grant for new elevators at the RBJ Center.

In 2013, we asked Dr. Stephen Bekanich, MD, a Palliative Medicine Physician, to visit the RBJ tower to meet some of the residents and conduct an informal review of residents' needs. His number one area of concern was **residents are profoundly lonely**. Other identified needs: residents were taking too many medications; safety evaluations for fall risks were needed in each apartment; transportation; healthcare literacy; and advanced care planning. Additionally, he felt that having an on-site medical clinic or urgent care facility would help to improve the overall health of residents but would also reduce the daily 911 calls made from the tower. **The proposed development of an integrated community health center including geriatric primary care, social services, adult day services, and early childhood education/day care facility would go far to reduce, if not eliminate, the issues identified by Dr. Bekanich five years ago.**

While the Anderson Charitable Foundation is unable to commit to a certain dollar amount to support the RBJ Health Administration Project at this time, please know that we wholeheartedly support this effort and have every expectation that once the project is operational, we will be a financial supporter as well.

We look forward to working with you and other partners to provide vital services to low-income vulnerable senior citizens in Austin.

Sincerely,

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Brad Robb  
Executive Director

Cc: Margaret Shaw, City of Austin, Economic Development Department Program Manager and Jacqueline L. Angel, University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs

Tel: (512) 458-2285 .. Fax: (512) 452-9055



**Austin Geriatric Center, Inc.  
d/b/a Rebekah Baines Johnson Center  
21 Waller Street  
Austin, Texas 78702**

February 16, 2018

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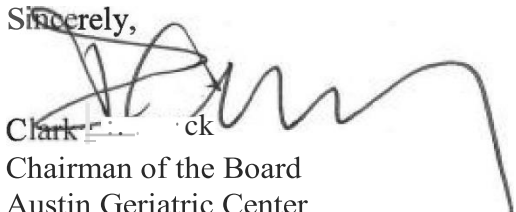
Dear Dr. Angel,

I first want to thank you for your long-time interest in gerontology and all the nationally recognized efforts by you and your students to create a plan for essential services needed by seniors in Austin, including those who reside at Rebekah Baines Johnson (RBJ) Center and in the surrounding neighborhood. I am aware that you have been working with community leaders to locate a medical clinic, adult day care, and additional social services in the City of Austin owned building, across from RBJ Center, that could be a great asset for all the seniors in the area.

At Wednesday 's board meeting of the Austin Geriatric Center (AGC), which owns and operates the RBJ Center, I was made aware of your request that we consider adding these services into the RBJ re-development plan for additional low-income housing we have been working on for ten years. Our board had a thoughtful discussion about this possibility but concluded that we are at the point where we cannot interrupt or delay, for any reason, our own plans to break ground in April of this year on our project to build safe, supportive housing for our current residents and those who need the new housing we will create.

With this letter, the Austin Geriatric Center Board wants to express our support for the work you and others are doing to bring additional services to the area. We know that such services would be of great benefit to the RBJ Center residents we serve with housing and for other residents who live in the community. The people affiliated with the RBJ Center who have been working with you on your project will continue to do so. We look forward to the day when we have our housing project completed and hope the support services you envision will also be a reality.

Sincerely,

  
Clark  
Chairman of the Board  
Austin Geriatric Center



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April 5, 2018

City of Austin

Financial Services

Attn.: Greg Canally, Interim Chief Financial Officer

301 W. Second Street

Austin, TX. 78701

Dear Mr. Canally,

Family Eldercare strongly believes in community collaborations in efforts to leverage the talents and funding resources that each organization, both government and private offer to provide services to the people of Austin. Family Eldercare has a rich history of high-quality evidence based outcomes in providing case management and "wrap-around" services to seniors and adults with disabilities. We are excited and honored to participate in the collaborative effort in working with the City of Austin, the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Rebecca Baines Johnson (RBJ) staff, and the other partner organizations. The community's need for geriatric primary care, social services, and adult day care programs will only continue to grow, and the City's proactive approach to meeting this need is a great opportunity for the community's healthcare providers, social service providers, and housing providers to collaborate and meet this challenge.

Family Eldercare is committed to working with The City of Austin and supports the activities described in the LBJ School of Public Affairs' document outlining the bond proposal for the RBJ Health Administration Building, including the recommended timeline for construction and opening of a space for community-based agencies like Family Eldercare to provide services. To ensure the success of this project, Family Eldercare is committed to absorb the operational costs which will include salaries, benefits and all required payroll taxes. This total will be approximately \$210,000 annually. Family Eldercare is committed to provide the funding and the funding will be available at the beginning of the fiscal year, e.g. October 1, 2018 and our commitment in long term.

Thank you for your leadership and willingness to work with such a diverse and committed group in an effort to provide much needed services to our low-income seniors.

Respectfully,



Kent Herrine  
Chief Executive Officer  
Family Eldercare

cc. Jacqueline - Angel, Ph.D. LBJ School of Public Affairs

Margaret Shaw, City of Austin, Economic Development Dept. Program Manager

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April 6, 2018

City of Austin  
Financial Services  
Attn.: Greg Canally, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
301 W. Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Canally:

As you know, Meals on Wheels Central Texas (MOWCTX) seeks to nourish and enrich the lives of seniors in our community and gladly participates in collaborative efforts to do so. We support and appreciate the City's efforts to create an integrated community health center for low-income senior residents at the RBJ Health Administration Building. The community's need for geriatric primary care, social services, and adult day programs will only continue to grow, and the City's proactive approach to meeting this need is a great opportunity for supportive and health care services to collaborate and meet this challenge. MOWCTX is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to assisting the community achieve its vision for providing senior services.

MOWCTX is committed to supporting the activities described in the LBJ School of Public Affairs' document outlining the bond proposal for the RBJ Health Administration Building, including the recommended timeline for construction and opening of a space for community-based agencies like MOWCTX to provide services. To ensure the success of this project, MOWCTX is willing to absorb the estimated operational costs of \$225,000/year and provide its own staffing for the programs it expects to operate at this location. The funds to support our program(s) are expected to be available no sooner than January 2019 and sometime during the Meals on Wheels Central Texas Fiscal Year 2018/2019. We look forward to supporting our share of the envisioned programs at the RBJ Health Administration Building.

Thank you for the leadership on this important issue confronting our community and its low-income, aging citizens.

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Adam I. Hauser  
President and CEO  
Meals on Wheels Central Texas

cc: Jacqueline L. Angel, Ph.D., LBJ School of Public Affairs  
Margaret Shaw, City of Austin, Economic Development Dept. Program Manager

April 9, 2018

Mr. Greg Canally  
Interim Chief Financial Officer  
City of Austin, Financial Services  
301 W. Second Street  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. Canally,

St. David's Foundation is deeply committed to supporting highly-vulnerable, low-income seniors as they age in place in Austin. In 2018, St. David's Foundation plans to allocate \$6.7 million to serve the needs of seniors in Central Texas. We will do so by supporting several organizations whose missions are focused on improving the lives of low-income seniors in our community.

St. David's Foundation would like to express our support for the potential renovation of the RBJ Health Administration Building to serve our community's seniors. The renovations at the RBJ Health Administration Building will house critical services for low-income seniors residing in the RBJ Residential Development, as well as vulnerable seniors living in nearby East Austin neighborhoods.

St. David's Foundation provides significant funding each year to Meals on Wheels Central Texas and Family Eldercare to serve seniors in Austin. Both of these organizations plan to serve vulnerable seniors at the newly renovated RBJ Health Administration Building. Meals on Wheels plans to create a new state-licensed Adult Day Health Care site at the RBJ Building. Currently, Austin only has only one licensed Adult Day Health Care facility in the entire city which serves fewer than 70 clients. St. David's Foundation is extremely dedicated to increasing Adult Day Health Services and sees this as a unique opportunity to do so. Meanwhile, Family Eldercare plans to offer case management (wrap-around) services for seniors at RBJ. This service is a critical component of St. David's Foundation's Aging in Place strategy, and one that the Foundation currently funds Family Eldercare to provide. The Foundation is deeply committed to expanding case management services to reach more seniors in Austin.

The Austin community has a unique opportunity to leverage all its resources to collectively create an innovative service site that will reach a critically underserved population. St. David's Foundation would welcome the opportunity to engage in a public-private partnership to help make Austin the healthiest community in the world for our seniors.

Sincerely,

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**EL** Maxwell  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Margaret Shaw  
Jacqueline Angel



August 10, 2019

Dear Dr. Angel,

On behalf of the leadership team of The Keep Families Giving Foundation, we would like to express our full support of the Intergenerational Day Center Initiative and the potential renovation of the RBJ Health Administrative Building to serve our community's seniors. Our city is in desperate need of innovative solutions like the solution proposed to help better support and care for our highly vulnerable and low income elderly residents.

The Keep Families Giving Foundation is on a mission to keep families giving through innovative partnerships and philanthropy. Our programs help educate and cultivate the next generation of philanthropists while simultaneously creating a collaborative of community minded foundation, corporation, nonprofit, social impact company, and university leaders capable of impactful change through multi-generational gatherings and experiences. The partnership with the Intergenerational Day Center perfectly aligns with our mission and work.

The Keep Families Giving Foundation will help support this project through official partnership and will highlight the initiative to our foundation's network on a local, national, and global scale. **We are thrilled to feature the Intergenerational Day Center Initiative as a part of our inaugural Partners in Philanthropy program and summit at the Google building in the Spring of 2020.** Dr. Angel and next-gen philanthropist Nathan Fernandes will lead the session on this project and will be joined by other panelists from leaders of foundations, corporations, social impact companies, nonprofits, and universities from around the world presenting to next-gen (ages 18-35) Impact Investors and philanthropists accepted into the exclusive program (see list attached). Nathan Fernandes will participate in the program and will also serve on the Partners in Philanthropy Next-Gen Council which will make funding recommendations for The Keep Families Giving Foundation.

We will also feature the initiative at our launch party and are looking forward to continuing a long-term partnership to elevate this project's importance to a diverse set of leaders, decision makers, and potential funders. We are also looking forward to featuring this project as a successful example of the positive impact which can come from unique partnerships between nonprofits, foundations, and universities as well as multi-generational leaders passionate about providing innovative solutions for struggling seniors. In accordance with this partnership we will

help connect Partners in Philanthropy program participants and mentors with passions for health and seniors to this project in alignment with Dr. Angel's and Nathan Fernandes's needs. Nathan Fernandes will also serve as the liaison for this partnership to ensure success and continuity between the family's foundation, the Partners in Philanthropy participants, and the initiative.

The Austin community has a unique opportunity to create an innovative center to better serve an underserved population. The Keep Families Giving Foundation looks forward to helping bring awareness to this initiative and connect leaders of the initiative to other key partners and next-gen leaders passionate about this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chelsea Toler Hoffmann". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Chelsea Toler-Hoffmann

President of The Keep Families Giving Foundation

July 30, 2019

Dear Professor Angel;

On behalf of the Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Leadership Team, I submit this letter of support for an innovative public-private partnership to create a multigenerational day center being considered for the RBJ Health Center that includes plans to co-locate high quality child care services as part of the project.

The Austin/Travis County Success By 6 Strategic Plan is led by our Leadership Team with a coordinated and collaborative focus on improving early childhood outcomes and striving to ensure all children in our community enter kindergarten healthy, happy and ready to succeed. In order to achieve this goal, our community must strategically improve access to high quality early care and education programs. Currently in Austin/Travis County, only 45% of our full day early care and education centers that serve vulnerable families (as defined by enrolling 10 or more children who rely on child care subsidies) are rated as high quality (based on Texas Rising Star 4 Star accreditation) and these serve fewer than 3,000 children annually. Our Austin/Travis County data indicates there are approximate 93,000 children under age 6, and 34% of them live in households with low income who can benefit from high quality early childhood programs but lack resources to afford them. As a result, the City of Austin has incorporated expanding access to high quality child care as part of the Strategic Direction 2023 in the area of Economic Mobility and Affordability ([https://assets.austintexas.gov/financeonline/downloads/Austin-Strategic-Direction\\_2023\\_webfinal.pdf](https://assets.austintexas.gov/financeonline/downloads/Austin-Strategic-Direction_2023_webfinal.pdf))

- “Create equitable access to quality Early Childhood Education (ECE) by supporting families who do not qualify for existing free programs and cannot afford quality programs on their own, increasing availability of quality ECE programs, and encouraging living wages for ECE providers.”
- The community indicator for this strategy is the number and percentage of children enrolled in quality Early Childhood Education programs (as evidenced by meeting Texas Rising Star criteria). This falls within one of Council’s top 10 indicators.

We believe the City of Austin has the opportunity to establish an innovative public-private partnership for a multi-generational care center of excellence at the RBJ Center site incorporating integrated health services and intergenerational programs. We recognize that having affordable housing and multi-generational services all in one place has multiple benefits for all age groups. Incorporating capacity for high quality child care services in this location would meet a significant community need including accessible and affordable child care for the potential employees in this comprehensive project. In addition to expanded capacity, there would be significant opportunity for mutually beneficial intergenerational programming involving seniors and young children. A 2018 report by Generations United features extensive research that attests to the many benefits of intergenerational care, finding that



“...participation in intergenerational programs and meaningful cross-age relationships may decrease social isolation and increase older adults’ sense of belonging, self-esteem, and well-being, while also improving social and emotional skills of children and youth participant. In particular, the research found that mixed-age care promoted sensitivity to others among both the young and old. Young children who participated in intergenerational care had more advanced motor and cognitive skills, higher developmental scores, and more advanced social and emotional competencies than their non-intergenerational peers, to name a few, and older adult participants reported lower levels of loneliness, reduced agitation, and improved health, among other findings.”

<http://dl2.pushbulletusercontent.com/Moj5hxfgqtBGfGfXb2O0qeQvleie9vmi/18-Report-AllInTogether.pdf>

For all of these reasons, we urge the City to pursue this model project, look forward to working with the City and partners on this important initiative, and seek provide technical assistance when planning for potential high quality child care services.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy McHorse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy McHorse

Vice President, Success By 6

United Way for Greater Austin



Dear Dr. Angel,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Chariot, formerly known as Drive a Senior Central Texas. Our mission is to enrich lives and communities by providing free transportation and socialization opportunities to non-driving seniors, helping them age in place. We are a non-profit organization with over 30 years' experience driving older adults who desire to remain independent as long as possible yet maintain connections to their communities.

We provide more than *'just a ride'* as we provide door-to-door assistance and friendship that support the City of Austin's goal of becoming a more aging friendly place to live. Our expansion strategy the past few years has been focused on serving more vulnerable and low-income seniors across the greater Austin community, including Travis, Hays, Bastrop Counties. Additionally, we coordinate with other non-profits providing transportation in neighborhoods we currently do not serve.

Chariot's mission also is complimentary of the IDC's goals of providing older adults opportunities for stimulating socialization and intergenerational activities. While most of our rides are one-on-one for medical appointments, we also drive our clients to locations where they volunteer their time and enthusiasm. We also provide rides to programs for older adults with dementia and to "Power for Parkinson's" classes across the service area to provide some respite for their caregivers.

Group rides in our small buses for weekly grocery shopping, trips to activity centers and other outings enhance our riders' quality of life. Our group ride model is well-suited for providing ten to twelve IDC participants with a reliable and pleasant ride to and from the IDC location. If there is sufficient interest, Chariot's model could expand this service to include a weekly grocery shopping trip one day a week or schedule other popular stops such as a neighborhood Walmart.

We look forward to continuing as a member of the IDC Advisory Committee and collaborating with other non-profits and organizations represented on the committee and in the greater Austin community. Hopefully, we can develop a transportation plan that ensures each adult participant of the IDC has access to safe, reliable and affordable transportation that allows them to participate in the IDC pilot and future implementations at other locations across the community.

Regards,

Lorene K. Phillips  
Chariot, Board Chair Elect

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June 23, 2020

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Dear Dr. Angel,

On behalf of Open Door Preschools, this letter is in support of the Intergenerational Day Center to provide much-needed care for our community's elderly and young children.


We are interested in the possibility of becoming the operator of the early childhood education program at the proposed location, and are willing to work with you and the project team to develop the preschool portion of IDC pilot implementation plan. Our hope is to find a workable, long-term partnership through this project that would allow Open Door to continue its mission to serve children of all backgrounds and abilities in an inclusive, diverse preschool setting. We believe that this project has the potential to meet our needs and yours.

The goals of the project are entirely compatible with our own Board-stated goals for future partnerships, particularly the cost-saving possibilities of shared space. Our curriculum focus on the social-emotional development of children will compliment the joint programming with eldercare, and we look forward to collaborating with you on this project.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



Glenn Goodrich,  
President