

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the proposed Opportunity Village development and am pleased to offer my support of Betty's Village as a community based residential setting for people with disabilities. The residents of Betty's Village will engage in an active life, be integrated in society, have support of individual choice, and be encouraged to foster independence to the highest degree possible.

Betty's Village will be culturally-responsive and inclusive and will support the culture and beliefs of the individual to attend or not attend religious services, observing specific food preferences or dietary restrictions related to culture or ethnicity, and celebration of holidays and special events.

The community is slated to host a number of stakeholders to offer support networks to the residents.

Visitors and volunteers to Betty's Village will spend "meaningful time" interacting and socializing with the individuals.

Encouraging interaction, independence and self-determination is the key to a full and fulfilling life. Betty's Village includes the many components needed to encourage greater independence and self-direction while ensuring the appropriate supports are available. I am in support of the project and I urge you to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Trevor Macaluso