

**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.

The model will have three levels of supports that individuals can choose from depending on their skills and the required level of supports. The three levels of residential supports are: a home that provides a 24/7 level of care including awake overnight supervision, an intermediate home that provides a 24/7 level of care with overnight staff availability and allows the individual to have some approved alone time, and semi-independent living with intermittent supports in their own apartment.

- The homes will be clustered together similar to a custom home cul-de-sac and share common visiting areas and outdoor spaces. A community center will provide individuals with daily opportunities to socialize, make new friends and participate with others through playing video games, classes (exercise, dance etc.), and just "hang out." The general public will be welcomed at the village to interact and participate in activities with individuals, and make friendships.

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.

Sincerely,

Lori Liakos