

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.

Our 17 year old son has Autism and is unable to safely be alone, at home or in the community, without assistance. I fully understand the argument for inclusion and being next to "typical peers" but what if that inclusion makes for an unsafe environment. We want our son to have the best opportunity in life for happiness and safety. Our son needs this level of housing. We have worked with OV on various projects and had numerous discussions with them about this residential setting. If our son is one day able to live at a place such as Betty's Village then we would consider my son and our family to be even more blessed than we already are.

We are not looking for immediate placement. My son is one of the greatest joys of our lives and we thank God every day that we are blessed in ways that others can't begin to imagine. We appreciate the little things. We care less about money and flashy cars and more about family and quality time together. If we felt that our son would benefit from living with us forever then that would be the plan...but what happens when we're 80? What if we get sick? Who is going to help care for him when we're gone or unable? Who is going to help him achieve the quality of life that he deserves and to keep him safe? I pray that Betty's Village will be there to help.

We are fully in support of the project.

Sincerely,

Scott and Cindy Peacock (parents)

Ken and Mary Bryant (grandparents)