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Hello CCHIC,

My name is Kendra Deja and I am the Executive Director of Solace Friends.

Solace Friends operates Solace Home, a 4-bed licensed adult family home that provides housing, food, clothing, and 24/7 caregiving support for people experiencing the dual challenges of housing insecurity and terminal illness.

Our home opened in May 2024 and is the first adult family home in Wisconsin to care exclusively for people experiencing homelessness at the end of life. Our home exists so that vulnerable members of our community do not have to die alone on the street unless it is their choice to do so.

We are proud to offer our home and our support to those navigating the physical, emotional, and spiritual impact of dying.

Solace Friends is fortunate enough to receive a portion of our operating budget from Dane County funds. This financial support from Dane County helps support our 24/7 programming and allows us to offer our home and care to Dane County residents at no cost to them.

Solace Friends is an example of the critical role of Dane County funding in supporting the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community. As you plan the 2026 budget, we ask that you consider continuing to support Solace Friends so that people experiencing homelessness have a safe, comfortable, and dignified option for end of life care.

Thank you for your time.

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