



December 12, 2016

Planning Commission,

This letter is in support of Dane County Department of Human Services' (DCHS) application for the Day Resource Center located at 615 E Washington Ave.

Please strongly consider DCHS's request to have the day resource center at 615 E Washington. As a partnering agency and neighbor, this location would be ideal. The Salvation offers the emergency shelter for both families and single women. Our emergency shelter operates from 4 PM (families) and 5 PM (women) until 8 AM. Due to only operating an overnight shelter, this service is greatly needed and to be within walking distance is necessary. By having the day resource center across the street, it would be very beneficial for families to be able to cross the street with their strollers and children versus getting on the bus and travelling to an alternative location.

The proposed location of the day resource center is also helpful for the single residents who stay at The Salvation Army and at Porchlight because it is within walking distance, and the residents would not have to use the limited bus tickets that they are supplied with to attend the day services. This public transportation could be used for job interviews etc.

DCHS has been searching for a location of a day resource center for quite a while. They have finally found a location that is perfect both for our community and the people it serves. I really hope that the plan commission will vote to approve this application.

Sincerely,

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