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Subject: Agenda #75151 and 77589
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Hello,

I am writing to support two agenda items for the meeting tonight. The numbers listed in the subject line above.

My Mother was a resident at Hope & A Future. This place is amazing. Before my mother entered Hope and A Future, she was in a nursing home and was very close to death. She couldn't walk, or even transfer on her own. She was massively confused and didn't know some of her children and grandchildren. She was constantly getting UTI's and other infections and was declining at a very rapid rate.

We were able to secure her a room at Hope & A Future and within 3 months she was once again the alert and witty woman she had been before getting sick. She was able to transfer, and she had lost some weight as well. Within 6 months she was able to walk for a MILE by herself with the assistance of her walker and she had lost 30 pounds.

Within a year, she had lost 40 pounds, could walk 2 miles by herself, was no longer on the 2 shots of insulin for diabetes, and many medications had been removed or had lowered doses.

Karin took note of her medications when she arrived and spoke with Mom's doctors to find out how she could better my mom and her physical needs without so many medications.

The transformation of my mother living at Hope and A Future was nothing short of miraculous. She was happier than I had seen her even before she got sick. Having such a positive staff, the visitors, and the activities available at Hope and A Future enriched her life beyond what we could have hoped for.

My Mom lived there for almost 7 years, if she had stayed at the nursing home, I know she would have been dead in under 6 months. They gave her hope, joy, and a reason to live as well as regulating medications (that her long-time doctor had ignored). She loved the gardens, the interactions with all the visitors and kids as well as the daily activities including arts and crafts and mini concerts.

I feel so blessed that we found Hope and A Future, I feel blessed that my mother's last years were happy and fulfilled instead of rotting away in a nursing home. I feel blessed to know everyone at Hope & A Future, and I would love to see them have a chance to offer more positive change and love to others that need it.

If you would like to chat further with me, I can be reached at 608-333-7177.

Side note: my family put in a large memory garden at Hope & A Future to honor my momma and others that have passed in the home. It is also a nice respite for others to sit in the garden and enjoy the beauty of the grounds. I myself have put in 46 hours of volunteer time maintain the garden this year and over 180 hours over the past 5 years. When I go over there to work in the garden, I am at peace knowing I am helping not only to keep the grounds beautiful, but also maintaining a space for others in the house to enjoy. If you haven't yet, you should stop by, and when you do, look at the beautiful yellow rose in the memory garden and say hi to my momma.

Thank you,
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From: [Dolores Austin](#)
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Subject: Hope and a Future
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Hello:

I am contacting you in support of the project Hope and a Future. I understand a request from Karin Krause will be on the meeting agenda tonight. I hope this email reaches you in time for the meeting.

I have known and worked with Karin Krause for several years. She participated in a program called the Social Good Accelerator. I met her there and have followed the development of her project. Karin is a very responsible person and has been doing an excellent job of managing this wonderful, inclusive, and cooperative program for years.

I urge you to grant zoning and special use permits for this project. It will be a benefit to the Madison community.

Thank you.

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