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January 9, 2013

RE: 1360 MacArthur Rd., new 36-unit affordable housing development

Dear Ms. Spears:

With regard to the questions raised about Care Net's status as a faith based organization developing the property at 1360 MacArthur Road, please be assured that although we self-identify as a Christian ministry, we have not and will never impose a religious requirement on any client seeking our services. Likewise, no tenant at Eagle Harbor Apartments will be required to have any religious preference, including those tenants in the supported units. Care Net has both an internal policy and an obligation stemming from our affiliation with three national organizations that "clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, **religious affiliation**, disability or other arbitrary circumstances."

Care Net has selected Meridian Group, Inc., an experienced multi-family and Section 42 property management firm, to be the property manager and leasing agent. Meridian Group will handle all tenant screening consistent with the marketing and leasing plan (see Attachment F, section C of the application). Eagle Harbor Apartments will be operated independently from Care Net.

Care Net has chosen to develop Eagle Harbor Apartments as a means to provide safe, affordable housing to residents graduating from The Elizabeth House, as well as others seeking affordable workforce housing. Residents of The Elizabeth House will be required to complete the same application process that any other prospective tenant would complete. Services offered by Care Net will be made available to tenants at Eagle Harbor Apartments, as they are to everyone seeking these services. We hope that tenants will be interested in parenting skills classes, childbirth education, or financial or nutrition education (offered through UW-Extension), but Care Net cannot and will not compel their participation.

I anticipate that this letter has eased any concerns, but welcome questions if you have them.

Warm regards,

Liz Osborn

**Executive Director** 

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