

Hubbard, Sam

From: Laura Heissel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:10 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter-207-209 E Valley NT1736

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Dear Village planning committee,

It has come to our attention that a shelter is being considered on E Valley Lane in Arlington Heights. I live in this neighborhood and am very concerned since this would be located close to Ivy Hill School and in the path of many students walking to school. For this reason, please do not consider this location for the above referenced shelter.

Sincerely,

Laura and Jeff Heissel
(Arlington Heights residents for 36 years)

Hubbard, Sam

From: Linda Brelsford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: shelter-207-209 E Valley Lane

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I am writing in regards to shelter-207-209 E Valley Lane. I strongly oppose this variance!! The neighborhood is full of children walking to school and playing outside. The grade school is a block away. Our children deserve the right to be kids and not have to be scared in their own neighborhood. They also don't need to see some of the behavior I have heard about in the golf road site. Based on the one on Golf road and the number of police calls, it just doesn't work in this family friendly neighborhood.

Thanks for you consideration.

Linda Brelsford.
Sent from my iPad

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christy Goduto <goduto80@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Valley drive zoning

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Hello. I urge you to please not pass the zoning for a youth shelter on valley lane. First of all there are a lot of kids that live on valley and circle hill that go to ivy hill school. They walk to and from School every day. I worry about having this shelter with the amount of calls to the police at the last location. I am worried for our neighborhood bringing in this tile of home. Please vote no and ask them to choose a location not so close to an elementary school.

Thank you,
Christy and Matt Goduto
1918 N Pinetree Dr, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Hubbard, Sam

From: Wichmann <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter 207-209 E Valley

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To whom it may concern,

We have just today been made aware of a plan for Shelter Inc to acquire 207-209 E Valley Lane for the purpose of a Shelter Care Home. Having reviewed the information online there are many questions and unknowns at this time for the Committee to consider. As a resident of the area where the Home will be, we have many questions. We want to understand more about the program and more about the potential impact to our area. We are aware of the positive programs and services that Shelter Inc. has provided over the years. In spite of this history, Shelter Inc and DCFS must address all the issues that this project could present to the surrounding community. The proposal is very superficial and does not leave the reader with a clear understanding of how this will operate. Their response to the "Impact on the Surrounding Community" does not address the impact to the community. It does not address how my residential community will be impacted. For us, it ignores the situation totally. This is not acceptable. The Staff Development Committee Report refers to it as a "Dormitory" and not a residence. A dormitory environment is completely different than the mainly single-family residences in the area. Having 10-12 residents that are Male and 18-21 years old is also vastly different from Multiple Family. Dormitory implies temporary residence.

This proposal is not in keeping with the zoning in the proposed neighborhood. They do not address that and that is not acceptable. Their current home is in an area that is zoned M-2 and B-2. This proposal is in an area zoned R-6 and is surrounded by R-3 zoning. We understand that they are asking for variances, but the changes are significant and should not be taken lightly.

They have not addressed safety. The Staff Development Committee Report indicates that the Police department has received, on average, 53 calls for service per year. We would want to see how that compares to our community. This should be reviewed closely as this is a sign of the impact to our area. With Ivy Hill School nearby, safety is extremely important. Recently we have had concerns on Valley of children walking to school. Adding a concentration of individuals 18-21 adds a potentially problematic situation to develop. If this can be avoided, it should. Not going forward with this proposal does that.

The Staff Development Committee Report has many requests for information and comment by Shelter, Inc. What part will DCFS play in this project? What other locations are being considered? Are they all in Arlington Heights? Until the time that these men are placed in this group situation, what have been their living situations? We would like to know if we will have access to this information when it will be provided. Has any of the information been received? How long do they have to respond to the requests? When will the Notice of Public Hearing be issued? We are hopeful that this will be after residents have been given ample time to review the Shelter Inc. responses.

We want to learn first about their plans and the experience that they have had since 2012. The information provided does not answer the specifics that need to be considered to make an informed decision. Prior to moving forward, there must be adequate information and review. As of today, this proposal is lacking.

David and Patricia Wichmann
[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Carla's iPhone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:37 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transition housing

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I would like to express my concern for a transitional housing project proposed in my neighborhood of Ivy Hill on Valley.....I believe it's in poor judgment to house a facility like this in close proximity to the elementary school. I do not approve of a development like this in my neighborhood and would like further information regarding this matter.
Carla Kim

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Kerri Hood [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Reject Emergency Shelter at 207-209 E Valley Lane!

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Please REJECT this request for a shelter at 207-209 E Valley Lane. This is ONE BLOCK from where a girl was just assaulted, and a few blocks from Ivy Hill School. Bus stops for BGHS & Thomas are also near this property. Yearly, the previous shelter had ~53 police calls!!! Calls being mostly due to mental health issues doesn't alleviate any fear as that can amount to real danger for the rest of us!

My children ride bikes around the neighborhood, play at the park, etc. Many walk or run thru the neighborhood alone. These activities would no longer feel safe with this adult shelter here.

Criteria for special use:

- ...deemed necessary for the public convenience... **This is a residential neighborhood not on any public transit stop. How was it deemed necessary?**
- ...will not be detrimental to the safety... **Previous location averaged 53 police calls per year. The grade school is blocks away. Too high risk and unsafe!**
- ...use will not alter the essential character of the locality... **This could reduce our property values especially if there are a lot of problems.**
- ...plight of the owner... **What is the hardship of the owner?**

Regards,

Kerri Hood

1025 E Cherry Lane

Hubbard, Sam

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Dao Tran; Nicholas Shoop
Subject: Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

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We, as residents of 611 E. Valley Ln are in full objection against 207-209 E. Valley Ln to be a shelter for youths. We are stakeholders who live on the same road.

- We have a child who was assaulted by youths of similar age. For his safety, prevention of further trauma and mental health we do not want to risk another incident. Allowing youths with mental health issues to live on our road will increase the risk of conflict.
- The report states, "Over the last several years, the Police department has, on average, received 53 calls for service per year from the current location on Golf Road." We do not want our young children experiencing these types of disturbances.
- A youth home on our road will reduce the valuation of our home. We chose to live on E. Valley Ln because it's near to our children's school, Ivy Hill Elementary.
- The bus stop for my oldest child and other children is located near E. Valley Ln and N. Pinetree Dr., very close to 207-209 E. Valley Ln. This puts these children's safety at risk.

We would like to hear back from you addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,

Dao Tran

Nicholas Shoop

Hubbard, Sam

From: Renee Bennett-smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Proposal for a homeless shelter

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Hi there!

The community is hearing news regarding a proposal for a homeless shelter at 207-209 Valley Lane.

Please do not let this proposal pass! This is a residential location, close to an elementary school and near a park where most of the kids in our neighborhood play. This shelter should not be in a residential neighborhood where children walk to school and ride bikes. This is not a place for a homeless shelter!!

I understand these young adults need a shelter, but the shelter should be near a bus stop, train station or near a community college.

Please consider that this is not a good location for a shelter.

Thank you!

Renée Bennett-Smith

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Beth Nabors [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc. - Arlington Heights - a partnership that makes impact!

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Dear Mr. Sam Hubbard,

It has come to my attention that Shelter, Inc. will be presenting to the Village of Arlington Heights soon with the end goal to be approved in zoning for a newly purchased single family home located at 207 E. Valley Lane in Arlington Heights (Ivy Hill neighborhood). I have driven past this lovely home and see that it is a two-flat, but looks like a single family home. What a perfect home for this population!

As an Arlington Heights resident since 1967 and the Executive Director of a local non-profit (JOURNEYS | The Road Home) for the past 22 years, I would like to take the opportunity to share that I 100% believe that this is a very thoughtful location for this very needed program in our community. This location will allow Shelter, Inc. to expand their program and offer more services to the youth in need of these types of programs that offer professional intervention and much needed care to our most fragile. This would be wonderful for Arlington Heights to claim 1 of only 23 programs like this in Illinois.

Additionally, the home is also located in an area that has many employment opportunities (intersections of Rand, Palatine, and AH), yet another reason why this location promotes the success of the residents and assures that they will become tax paying contributing members of our community!

Shelter Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) is for youth ages 17.5-21 who are in the custody of DCFS and aging out of the child welfare system. These youth are already in our community – working at Jewel, Coopers Hawk, Staples, Portillo's, and even some of our boutique shops in downtown AH, etc. They attend schools like Fremd, Rolling Meadows, and Hersey. They live with Shelter, Inc. for two years to gain all independent living skills to live and work successfully once the court emancipates them from the child welfare system. This program is so important because it prevents homelessness, incarceration, drug use, etc. At JOURNEYS | The Road Home we feel that if Shelter, Inc. is successful, we see less local people needing our agency. A big picture win-win for both of my roles – as a long term community member AND the Executive Director of an agency that benefits from Shelter, Inc.'s success and growth.

Please let me know if I can assist further in helping you make this a seamless process for our friends at Shelter, Inc. Together, we are all making a difference!

My best,

Beth Nabors

Beth Nabors, Executive Director

JOURNEYS | The Road Home
1140 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, IL 60074
Phone: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]

June 4, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. TLP residents voluntarily join the program, understanding it is an opportunity for empowerment, choosing stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure. They continue their education and maintain employment, learning to sustain their independence.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Bethany F Brinkworth

Bethany F. Brinkworth

2107 E. Robinhood Lane

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

June 4, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

We are writing today to show our support for Shelter's Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights. We feel strongly that the TLP home should be located in Arlington Heights. A program that empowers others to become self-sufficient and reach their full potential is necessary for the growth of our community. These young adults deserve the opportunity and resources that Arlington Heights prides itself for. Arlington Heights should be a place for these young adults to learn, grow and call home. It will be a true shame to our community if this program is not given the opportunity to thrive.

We have been honored to call Arlington Heights home for the last 17 years. We have proudly watched and encouraged our community to grow in diversity and inclusion. A program such as the TLP will encourage diversity, equity and inclusion that community members strive for.

The Village of Arlington Heights is a community that is constantly growing and evolving. The TLP program will foster this community growth and evolution for a better community for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Maura and Fiona DeGrazia

812 E Canterbury Drive
Arlington Heights, Illinois


June 5, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a 7-year resident of Arlington Heights, and father of two young children, I am writing to express my unwavering support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village, and relocate to 207 E Valley Ln. This agency is part of what makes me proud to live in Arlington Heights. In my community, we support diversity and inclusion – full stop. The transitional living program gives a critical lifeline to young adolescents aging out of foster care. It teaches them responsibility, and shepherds them to be contributing members of society.

While some members of our village have some concerns about having a group home near their families, I believe that much of the fear is based on the unknown. I encourage concerned members to learn more about Shelter Inc and learn about the life-changing services they offer. Our town motto is to be a City of Good Neighbors. If we are to live by that adage, we must make every effort to be welcoming, especially to this vulnerable young population that needs our support. Let's step up!

Sincerely,



Norman D. Santa Maria

2362 E Bradshire Court

Arlington Heights, IL 60004



Hubbard, Sam

From: Lisa Mullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support of shelter inc.

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May 5, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a long time resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. These kids deserve just as much of a promising future as our kids do!
Thank you for your attention.

Lisa Mullen
2406 E. Brockton ct. AH, IL 60004

Lisa Mullen - Realtor

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Kathleen A. Muglia DNP, APRN
Marquette University, College of Nursing
1250 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233

June 6, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

It takes a village!!

As an 18-year resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my very strong support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in Arlington Hts.

Over the past 25 years I have worked in our community, as a pediatric nurse practitioner, and cared for our communities' most vulnerable populations. I have witnessed the devastating effects that family hardships have had on children and that extends to their schools and community. As a village, we need to support our families. Organizations like Shelter Inc. are life-saving and life-changing for many. As a health care provider in our community, I know how necessary resources like, Shelter Inc are to help families back on the path of health and wellness. One example may be as simple as a single parent has lost their job and their adolescent child has depression and needs a place to stay for a short time.

For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

I sincerely hope that Shelter Inc. is able to continue the incredible work that they provide.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen A. Muglia DNP, APRN
2119 E. Lillian Lane
Arlington Hts, IL 60004

Christina Perez
5 E. Hawthorne St.
Arlington Heights, IL
60004

June 7, 2021

Mr. Sam Hubbard
Village of Arlington Heights
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Via Email

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a long-time resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing in support of the Transitional Living Program of Shelter, Inc. Shelter plays an incredibly important role in helping vulnerable members of our community. The Transitional Living Program is a key component of Shelter's efforts by providing a safe, stable living environment for youths who have aged out of the child-welfare system.

The program is beneficial to our Village for so many reasons. It allows these individuals to have a chance at stability and independence as they establish themselves as young adults, helping to prevent them from falling into homelessness.

The Village recently undertook a study to better understand how the Village can support diversity, equity and inclusion. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was to continue to support programs such as the Transitional Living Program. Approval of this new location, which is close to public transportation and job opportunities, should receive the full support of the Planning Commission and the Village.

These at-risk youths are a part of our Arlington Heights community. I hope that the Village sees the importance of supporting the needs of all Arlington Heights community members and how doing so can only benefit the Village in the long run.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Perez".

Christina Perez

Hubbard, Sam

From: Rebecca McClaney [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP program

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June 7, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

Good morning. I hope you are well. As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, and an educator this invaluable resource is needed to maintain what sets Arlington Heights apart from other local communities. As an educator in the area with a similar mission and goal, it is crucial that we help our students and young adults take the necessary next steps forward to independent living. The community benefits when we teach and lead by example. Our children are watching us and what better way to teach them to be inclusive than to model this behavior. As a mom of 3, I can only hope that the important lessons are available to all children, providing access to jobs, community service, mental health organizations. If we are consistently and constantly turning our back and stating "not in my neighborhood" we will never give anyone the chance to soar. It is crucial that we support the mission and values of Shelter, Inc., both verbally, on paper, and through our actions. It makes us better humans.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. McClaney
2259 E Ashbury Ct.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Katherine Zucek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transitional Living Program in AH

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Hi Sam Hubbard,

I am writing to you today in support of maintaining Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Arlington Heights. As a resident of Arlington Heights, a homeowner, and a parent, I fully support Shelter's programs in our community. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need and the TLP is a critical program.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it a responsibility and a privilege to empower others, especially our youth, to reach their fullest potential. Social services offered by TLP move our community forward to a more just, equitable, and diverse community. Without similar programs, we promote homelessness, increase costs for taxpayers, and weaken our community.

Please consider this letter my support of TLP's continued presence in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Zucek
2308 N Evergreen Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

June 4th 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hollis', followed by a horizontal line.

Hollis Gorrie

2414 E Kensington Rd

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Filip Zucek
2308 N. Evergreen Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60606

June 7, 2021

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. The village must continue to support this vital program, which provides a tangible lifeline to those in need and demonstrates that the village is committed to supporting the success of all of its residents.

My family moved to Arlington Heights due to the village's commitment to the youth of our community. From our expansive parks program to award winning schools, our community recognizes the need to invest in our children and young adults early and meaningfully. As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Promoting these values should always be a priority for our community.

If we want to continue to maintain this level of pride in our community, we need to ensure that all members of our community are cared for, regardless of the background from which they come. I urge you to ensure that the TLP can continue to call Arlington Heights home.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Filip Zucek', written over a horizontal line.

Filip Zucek

Hubbard, Sam

From: Sarah Bryant [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP should remain

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

My children attend John Hersey HS. I understand you've gotten some negativity around the proposed Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP).

I support the program that has adult supervision and is helping kids who are at risk because they don't currently have family support. They are in this program because they are trying to overcome challenges and in my opinion pose less threat to our community than most teenagers. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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To your success,



Sarah Bryant

Owner, Titan Publishing

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Maria Zeller Brauer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: In Support of Shelter Inc.

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I am writing this email in support of the proposed location for Shelter Inc.'s Transitional Living Program on East Valley Lane in Arlington Heights. I am employed at Shelter Inc. as the Senior Director of Development. I work with the local community to raise funds from individual and corporate donors in support of Shelter's programs. I am currently raising funds in support of a new TLP residence and to date have financial commitments of nearly \$200,000 from individuals who believe in the success of this program.

I am also a resident of this community. I have a six year old who is registered for first grade at Ivy Hill. I understand that some residents are concerned for their children's safety. I know the young people who are currently in this program and I have ZERO concerns for my child's or my family's safety. This residence is monitored 24 hours a day and I am confident that moving to the Ivy Hill neighborhood will not have a negative impact on our community.

I am proud to be an Arlington Heights resident and I know that if my child or my family needed assistance, the community would be there for us. I feel strongly that we need to be there for these young people who are working so hard to make a successful life for themselves. Our community will be better for it.

Maria Brauer
2722 N. Harvard Ave., Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cheryl Mosqueda [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter in support of Shelter's TLP Program

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June 7, 2021

Mr. Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights for over 25 years, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

I truly hope the Village of Arlington Heights exemplifies the kind of community that supports and encourages those who are voluntarily joining this program - showing their determination in choosing the opportunity to learn and live by achieving stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Mosqueda
2360 E Bradshire Ct, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Shannon Howard [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:33 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter of Support for Shelter TLP

May 5, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing in support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Initiative. I remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's presence has made a significant and life-saving impact on countless families in need, and the TLP has been an outgrowth of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to be self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and realize their fullest potential. Social services such as transitional living promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and move forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Shannon Howard

Name

18 S. Kaspar Ave, AH, IL 60005

Address

Hubbard, Sam

From: Breiding Marilyn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Canty, Mary Beth
Subject: Support for Shelter"s TLP (Transitional Living Program remaining in Arlington Heights

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Dear Sam Hubbard,,

As a resident of Arlington Heights I am asking for support of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our village. As a volunteer for Shelter for almost 20 years, I have seen them make significant impact on children and families in need. When children have aged out of the child welfare system in which they have been through no fault of their own, they voluntarily join the program. Shelter has empowered them to become self-sufficient and overcome their challenges to reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP offers gives them basic life skills. They continue their education and maintain employment to sustain their independence. The new residence they are seeking would be near job opportunities and transportation. The use of this property would not be detrimental to the welfare of persons residing in the vicinity.

The recent proposal of increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village recommended supporting programs such as the TLP. This can empower these young people to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome and impact our community's future success.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Yours truly,
Marilyn Breiding
1244 Luther Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: linda ascot [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter - 207-209 E. Valley Ln. - T1736

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I have recently learned of preliminary discussions to take place regarding a proposed Shelter for youths.

I wish to firmly state my objection to any such proposal. My reasons are as follows:

The location of this shelter would be situated among residential homes within the Ivy Hill subdivision. A shelter of any kind does not belong in a residential subdivision. It's placement here would forever alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

The introduction of said shelter does not offer enhancement nor convenience to the residential neighborhood, in fact, it would likely inconvenience the residents within proximity of this establishment.

Upon review of the website of Shelters Inc, it describes those serviced by this institution as adolescents who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision.

I am deeply disturbed by the specific narrative within the Proposal which states, *"Many of these young people are currently undergoing treatment for mental health issues; however, the level of their diagnosis typically does not qualify them as disabled as defined by the State of Illinois."*

While I am sympathetic to their plight, this raises much concern as the Ivy Hill subdivision is home to many small children. An elementary school is just a short block away.

Our presumption of safety within this small subdivision and the welfare of our children would certainly be compromised should such an institution be permitted to inhabit this residential community.

I am profoundly concerned about the immediate and long-term detrimental effect such a facility would impose upon the existing residents of our community.

Furthermore, it is incomprehensible to me how this particular street within our subdivision is appropriate for the needs of this institution. There is no easy access to public transportation. The occupancy would exceed the allowable amount for a single family residence housing unrelated people. There simply does not appear to be any compatibility between the existing neighborhood structure and the insertion of this institution.

Sincerely,

Martin & Linda O'Brien
903 E. Crabtree Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jeannie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP)

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June 7, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Johnston
1719 N. Dale Ave.
Arlington Hts.

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Chuck Hume [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Carina Santa Maria
Subject: Shelter location/ Golf Rd

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Hello Sam,

We have been renting our house to Shelter, Inc. since 1997. We are now in the process of selling our property which will make it necessary for them to move. Throughout the past 24 years we have had a great relationship with them and were happy to be able to provide them with a location in the area. They have been outstanding tenants, keeping up the interior and exterior of the building. They have also always been very cooperative when anything arises and the young people residing there have been very respectful.

I think they are an asset to the village and hope they are able to continue to be here in the future.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hume

Hubbard, Sam

From: Diane Mier [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter inc home purchase

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I'm a long time resident of Arlington Heights and I'd like to share my support for the home purchase by Shelter Inc. I understand that some residents might fear the impact this purchase might have on their home value, but I feel strongly that the Village should support this organization in this purchase. With big decisions on the table like use of the racetrack and support of downtown restaurants, this decision seems like a small, positive step for our community in comparison. Please support the home purchase by Shelter Inc.

Diane Mier

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Robyn Pflomm [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Home

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights for over 17 years, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Robyn Pflomm

2404 E Brockton Court

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cynthia Greenwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter Inc. home purchase

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a former 38-year-resident of Arlington Heights, who is still a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, I strongly urge your support of the Shelter Inc.'s home purchase for its Transitional Living Program. The residential location is ideal due to its proximity to job opportunities and public transportation. I firmly believe these residents will have a positive impact, not a detrimental one, on the health, safety or general welfare of people working or living in the village.

The Village of Arlington Heights recently paid \$31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was supporting programs such as the TLP. Without the program, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome.

I respectfully ask the Village Board to vote yes on the sale of this property to Shelter Inc.

Thank you,

Cindy Greenwood

Hubbard, Sam

From: JOYCE BIERITZ [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc. Support letter

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After reading the letter from Shelter Inc, I am writing my approval for the purchase of a home for these young people. How can we ever overcome the vast discrepancy between the haves and have nots, if we don't promote and support such programs. It just doesn't make sense to me that someone would object to this chance for those who would benefit most. God bless you in supporting and promoting such a wonderful endeavor, and my best wishes are with this effort.

Joyce Bieritz
Arlington Heights Resident

Hubbard, Sam

From: Linda Waycie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, INC transitional housing home purchase

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Hi Mr. Hubbard,

I wholeheartedly support Shelter's desire to purchase a home in Arlington Heights for youth ages 17-21. As a person of faith, I am called to love my neighbor as myself so loving the homeless teens and giving them the foundation of healthy choices, and life-skills training so that they can be successful, young adults is important to me. Shelter has a sterling reputation in town and does an excellent job in helping people in need. As a town that values diversity, equity and inclusion, then now is our chance to prove that value in a concrete way to Shelter, and to the youth who desperately need our love and help. The residential location is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation.

Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

Finally, We as residents of Arlington Heights need to address the root causes of teens who need this type of supervision by having homes for them like this one..

I urge the mayor and trustees to do all in their power to allow Shelter to purchase this home.

Linda Waycie

Member Southminster Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:36 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc, home purchase

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Hello,
I am writing in support of the purchase of a home by Shelter, Inc, for youth.
I live at 39 South Kaspar in a block where there was a previous home occupied by troubled, handicapped young adult men. I found the experience to be very positive, as did my dog who would be excitedly greeted by the residents. At no time did I ever feel unsafe. I believe those who may object to this just need to be educated about the positive experience that awaits them

Please support this program as it reflects the values that Arlington Heights residents share, including members of my church, Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,
Mary Kay Walsh
39 South Kaspar, A.H. 60005

Hubbard, Sam

From: Robert Ciulla [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support of Shelter, Inc.

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Good Evening,

My name is Robert Ciulla. I am the Program Supervisor for the Salvation Army's, Pathway Forward Program. Pathway Forward is a Federal Halfway House, that currently houses federal offenders are serving the last six (6) to twelve (12) months of their federal prison sentence in a community setting.

I have been in the field of corrections, mental health, and addictions for the past 30 years. Many of the thousands of offenders I have come across in my many years, oftentimes come from broken homes or lack of family support. Statistically, those children who experience lack of structure or family support will oftentimes end up homeless, with an addiction, or find themselves involved in the criminal justice system. This cycle must be stopped as these individuals with whom Shelter, Inc. serves are receiving the support, dignity, and respect they deserve.

Shelter, Inc. helps break this cycle for adolescents by providing them with shelter, resources, case management, therapeutic services, and independent living skills. Shelter staff emphasizes and prioritizes education and employment. Shelter, Inc. provides a safe place for their youth who would otherwise be exposed to dangerous and vulnerable situations.

I am very familiar with the mission of Shelter, Inc. and fully support what they do and how they provide their service.

Robert Ciulla, M.S

Program Supervisor
825 N. Christiana Ave.
Chicago, IL 60651
[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Karen Masley-Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:50 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program

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To: Sam Hubbard
Development Planner, Department of Planning and Community Development
Village of Arlington Heights

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. Some of the reasons I am asking for your support are:

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- The TLP provides a benefit
 - to our community, putting youths who have experienced significant hardship on a path toward independence and productivity.
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- Community services and initiatives
 - must strive to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents.
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- It is critical for the Village
 - to have a priority that all residents are supported in achieving their full potential.
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- We must recognize the investment
 - we make in the welfare of our youth today will impact our community's future success.
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As a member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Karen Joseph
1434 N Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Heather Moss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Fwd: Shelter-Inc letter of support

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June 8, 2021

Hi Sam,

As both a resident of Arlington Heights and a Board member of Shelter-Inc., I am writing in support of the proposed relocation of Shelter-Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP). I've been told there is opposition to the proposal based on the unknown, and as a parent, I understand that. Naturally, fear pulls us the other way as a mechanism to protect our vulnerable children. But it's because I am a parent and I want to support our youth that I joined the Board in the first place. For those who recall, a couple years ago in a nearby town, a young boy was killed at the hands of his abusive parents as he was failed by his community. It was that story that made me realize the importance of agencies like Shelter-Inc. As community members, we have been empowered to make meaningful change to those youth who are without privilege, to support DE&I locally and to embrace the vulnerable that go school, work and live beside us. I ask that you listen to what Shelter-Inc has to say and keep an open mind. Your voice matters.

Sincerely,
Heather Moss

Hubbard, Sam

From: Allison Anderson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:29 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin; Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim
Subject: Support for Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Arlington Heights

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am a 30-year resident of Arlington Heights and I support Shelter's purchase of a home in Arlington Heights for youth in participate in their Transitional Living Program (TLP).

Shelter has successfully operated their TLP in a leased home since 2012, providing support to young people and their families as they develop life skills, go to school and/or work, and learn how to take responsibility and make good choices. Giving support to youth at this critical stage of their development into adulthood is the embodiment of inclusion. Housing is the foundation of a stable life; without it, no one is able to function or develop to their full potential.

Our Village's support for purchasing a Shelter home here is a way of thanking Shelter for the work they've done thus far, and also an indication of our residents' belief in all of the youth in our community, their worth, and their potential. Purchase of a residence here in our Village will help these young people succeed as members of the community.

Please support Shelter's purchase of a home here.

Sincerely,
Allison Anderson
1804 N Mitchell Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3739

[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Daniel C [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:17 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Keep the Shelter Transitional Program in Arlington Heights

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

I am a lifelong resident of Arlington Heights and I am asking that the Shelter Transitional Living Program stay in Arlington Heights because of the good work it does and serves the community.

In 1975, Shelter was started as a grassroots movement by our Arlington Heights community for our community to help children in crisis who experienced abuse, neglect, and other traumatic family situations. Today, we ask for your support in the same spirit of neighbors helping neighbors regarding one of our seven programs.

Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) is a two-year program for youths ages 17-21 who are aging out of the child welfare system of which they've been in through no fault of their own. They have been denied basic life-skills education we take for granted, which are necessary for being self-sufficient.

TLP residents voluntarily join the program, understanding it is an opportunity for empowerment, choosing stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure. They continue their education and maintain employment, learning to sustain their independence.

The TLP has successfully operated in a leased home in Arlington Heights since 2012. Due to the owner selling the property, Shelter is working with the Village of Arlington Heights to purchase a new residence that will benefit individuals, families, and our community.

The Village of Arlington Heights recently paid \$31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was supporting programs such as the TLP. Without the program, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome.

Community services and initiatives must strive to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents.

The residential location is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation.

Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

Making it a Village priority that all residents are supported in achieving their full potential is critical.

We must recognize the investment we make in the welfare of our youth today will impact our community's future success.

Thank you,

Daniel Crusius
204 N. Patton Ave.

Arlington Heights, IL
60005
he/him/his

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Karen Souden [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:10 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Keep Shelters TLP housing

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As an Arlington Heights resident concerned about the well being of those in need I urge your support for the TLP program of Shelter Inc.

Karen Souden
1349 Luther Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Eisenhuth, Guy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:33 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Maria Brauer; Carina Santa Maria; John M. Stomper
Subject: Shelter, Inc. Group Home

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Shelter began in 1975 as a grassroots movement in conjunction with Paul Buckholz, then Chief of Police in Arlington Heights, to help children in crisis who were victims of abuse, neglect, and other traumatic family situations. I have been involved with Shelter, Inc. for the past ten years as a Board member, financial supporter, and past President. I currently serve on their Board as Vice President. Today, I ask for your support in the same spirit of neighbors helping neighbors that was the cornerstone of Chief Buckholz' vision that led to the founding of Shelter over 45 years ago.

Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) is a two-year program for youths ages 17.5-21 who are aging out of the child welfare system—a system they had to join through no fault of their own. The hardships that compelled their involvement in the child welfare system have denied them the basic life-skills education we take for granted, skills which are necessary for achieving self-sufficiency.

TLP residents voluntarily join the program, understanding that it is an opportunity for empowerment. In joining TLP, these youths have chosen stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure. They continue their education and maintain employment, learning to sustain their independence and become better prepared to function independently when they age out of the child welfare system.

The TLP has successfully operated in a leased home in Arlington Heights for many years. Due to the owner selling the property, Shelter is working with the Village of Arlington Heights to purchase a new residence that will benefit individuals, families, and our community.

The program improves the lives of young people and strengthens our community. The TLP reduces homelessness and, over time, provides a reduction in the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and productive community members.

In summary, I support the TLP program and urge the Village of Arlington Heights to continue to allow Shelter, Inc. operate a group home in the Village for the following reasons:

- The TLP puts youths who have experienced significant hardship on a path toward independence and productivity.
- The program is most successful when operated in a community group home setting rather than an isolated institutional approach
- The residential location is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation which allows for opportunities to successfully integrate the program participants into the fabric of the community
- Shelter has a long history of operating successfully in Arlington Heights and the northwest suburbs. They are adequately funded, have a strong and active Board, and a very effective management team and organizational infrastructure. Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity. On the contrary, participation in the program

will reduce the aforementioned detrimental effects since the youth are monitored and encouraged as they progress through the program

- Community services and initiatives should be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents. The TLP program is in harmony with the recent establishment of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative recently undertaken by the Village of Arlington Heights
- TLP supports the Village priority that all residents be supported in achieving their full potential.
- The investment we make in the welfare of our youth today will pay dividends in terms of our community's future success.

Thank you for your support and participation in making Arlington Heights a community of which we can all be proud!

Guy W. Eisenhuth
Chairman
Village Bank and Trust
a Wintrust Community Bank

234 W. Northwest Highway
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



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Hubbard, Sam

From: Kontos, Megan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc

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Hi Sam,

My name is Megan, and I am an Associate Board member supporting Shelter, Inc. Although I am not an Arlington Heights citizen, I grew up in Mount Prospect and currently live in Palatine (so I am quite familiar with the area). I have spent a lot of time in Arlington Heights, been a patron to many organizations and speak highly of the area overall.

Arlington Heights is a beautiful neighborhood and a highly sought after place to live in the Chicago suburbs. This is the kind of community that the TLP will thrive in. I understand any initial hesitations from citizens, but I hope they recognize all the good work that Shelter is doing for their community. In providing a home to the TLP group, Shelter also offers a community for TLP members to belong to. I hope the city and citizens of Arlington Heights see this as an opportunity to offer a hand and build a culture of inclusion within the town.

Thank you for all you are doing and hope this helps!

Megan Kontos
BHR, Global Commercial
[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jim Valentine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:02 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc Home purchase

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Greetings!

Just want to give my support for the purchase of a home in VAH for Shelter Inc to use for their residents. This is a great program and this home would be really helpful for their work!

Thank you for considering this!

Jim Valentine



Jim Valentine
Congregational Operations Officer
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1234 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[REDACTED]

June 8, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

I have been a resident of Arlington Heights for the past 15 years and I've always taken great pride in my town. However, there is an issue on the table that is of real importance and requires the continued commitment of our Village, and I must speak out to be sure I can remain a proud citizen.

Shelter, Inc. is an outstanding organization and one that I have been following with interest for quite some time. Their contributions to our area are considerable. They have been providing much needed services and support to families and individuals in need, including youngsters, who are absorbing the skills and life tools required to overcome earlier adversities and become the fully confident, self-sufficient citizens that they strive to be and that Shelter Inc. has long fostered.

Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) requires a good location in our village in order to continue its successful work here with youths who are gaining strong footing on this path toward a promising future. The currently-chosen location is ideally situated near job opportunities and public transportation. Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

Social services such as Shelter Inc.'s TLP program fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Arlington Heights is being asked to continue to play a positive role in achieving the important goals of the organization and of those that depend on it. If not us, Mr. Hubbard, who? If not now, when?

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter and, I am hoping, for your support in enabling Shelter Inc. to continue its service within our community here in Arlington Heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine B. Cunningham". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, sweeping 'C' at the end.

800 W. Rand Road, #C205
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

June 8, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

I have been a resident of Arlington Heights for over 12 years and involved with Shelter, Inc. for the last 8 years and currently serve as the Board President of this organization. I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village.

The late Arlington Heights Deputy Police Chief Paul Buckholtz founded Shelter, Inc. nearly 50 years ago because he wanted to help neglected children in his community. Since 1975, our programs have made a significant positive impact on children in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of our success.

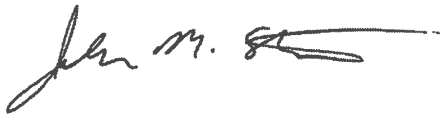
It is our responsibility as a Village to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. As part of the TLP program, these youth, who voluntarily join the program, learn life skills to help them transition to independent living. They continue their education and maintain employment while in the TLP program and we better prepare them to function independently when they age out of the child welfare system.

Mayor Hayes often says Arlington Heights is a village of "good neighbors." I agree that we are and we should be doing all we can to help neglected and abused children right here in our community. TLP has been a part of Arlington Heights since 2012. Due to the current owner selling the property where the TLP home is located, we are working with you to secure a new residence where we can continue this vital program. We need to give these youths a home where they feel where they can safe, learn to live independently, and become productive members of the community.

The TLP program supports the Village's priority that all residents be supported in achieving their full potential and it is in harmony with the recent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative that we, as a village, have undertaken. Now is the time to put those words into action.

I strongly urge the commission and trustees to support the approval of the special use permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Stomper", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John M. Stomper

1238 N. Illinois Ave.

June 8, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a member of the Board of Directors of Shelter, Inc., I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in Arlington Heights. Growing up in the area, I was unaware of the need for organizations like Shelter, Inc. and programs like TLP. I never thought children in the Arlington Heights area were impacted by abuse or trauma. Since getting involved with Shelter, Inc. 3 years ago, I've seen the enormous impact the organization has on the lives of the children it serves. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Comiskey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John J. Comiskey

Hubbard, Sam

From: jj piontek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Keep Shelter Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Arlington Heights

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I have been a lifelong resident of Arlington Heights and am proud to be a resident of "The City of Good Neighbors." The recent efforts to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village are commendable. Arlington Heights has had a successful partnership with Shelter, Inc.'s (TLP) in the past and there is no reason to believe that Shelter's purchase of a new property in Arlington Heights would change any of the positive benefits this program provides. This long-standing program is a shining example of diversity, equity and inclusion in Arlington Heights. I urge you to support this purchase.

Sincerely,
Julia Piontek

June 8, 2021

Mr. Sam Hubbard

Dear Sam,

As a resident of Northgate in Arlington Heights, I am writing to state my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. My home is just minutes away from this site and I have already driven around the area. You might remember that I am also a member of the School District 21 Board of Education for 28 years and very involved in our community. Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children for over 46 years and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a very committed and involved member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. This particular site seems very well suited to the program. The area has multi-family homes and this TLP would have possibly 10 residents. They would not have cars so they do not add to congestion. The program is staffed 24/7. The residence is walking distance from many amenities such as jobs, restaurants and a major grocer. Thus, it is an ideal spot for the Shelter Inc TLP. I look forward to speaking to the project at the Plan Commission tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Arlen

Arlen S. Gould

502 E. Bur Oak Drive

Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004



Hubbard, Sam

From: Phaona Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transitional Living Program

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Hello Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Phaona Gray-Rodriguez
213 S. Dryden Pl, Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter in Arl. Hts.

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a long-time resident of Arl. Hts., I would like to offer my support in purchasing shelter for those in need in Arl. Hts. Around one year ago, a shelter for 3 women with developmental disabilities was purchased on Miner St. in a very lovely residential neighborhood. My son and his wife whose home is located across the street for this shelter were very welcoming and grateful that their neighborhood was now being shared with those in need. All of the homes next door to and surrounding this shelter home have a starting worth of \$350,000 to \$600,000. All of these neighbors have been supportive and very welcoming.

This is the attitude that exemplifies what Arlington Hts. is all about—change and diversity. We residents of Arl. Hts. can be an example for other communities in the Northwest Suburban area. I visited the shelter home on Miner St. and was so impressed with the care for its residents and property. This home was in meticulous condition and has remained this way. I drive to my son's home daily and always look with pride, love and joy this shelter has brought to all of our hearts.

Please pursue more shelters in Arl. Hts.—we can be leaders in defeating the fears—that hold back supporting these shelters.

"A community is judged on how it treated the least in its midst."

Sincerely,

Doreen and Tony Jannotta
1415 E. Central Rd.
Arl. Hts., IL. 60005

[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Patricia Crusius [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights

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Dear neighbors and decision makers on the village board,

I have become aware that Shelter Inc currently needs to relocate their Transitional Living Program, due to the owner of their leased space selling the house. Shelter Inc is now seeking a purchased home in Arlington Heights to continue doing the good work they have been doing with 18-21 year old disadvantaged men, nurturing them and giving them independent living skills.

I would be in favor of helping Shelter Inc continue to be a positive resource in Arlington Heights for those, who through no fault of their own, "age out" of foster care and need help transitioning, to finish their education and work on job related goals, becoming self sufficient contributing members of our community.

Especially in light of the recent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion study that the Village has done, this long-standing program should not be sidelined! People should not be afraid of the existence of such a helpful program, but rather the lack of such a program. We need to live up to our motto of being a city of good neighbors. This is especially true after such a difficult year of the pandemic when so many needs arose in our community and everywhere.

Sincerely,

Patricia Crusius
204 N Patton Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Sandralyn Bourseau <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter's Transitional Living Program

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Mr. Hubbard,

As a fifth-generation resident of Arlington Heights, I'm so pleased to learn that Shelter Inc. is purchasing the home it has had for its Transitional Living Program here in our village. What better community than ours to help nurture these young people as they launch to adulthood. Hopefully by living here they will learn to love this community as so many of us do and stay around to contribute to our future.

I understand that you will be receiving many letters describing the value of this program to the youth involved and to our village. Please give all the reasons careful thought, always keeping in mind that our village has the strength and heart to be truly inclusive, truly good neighbors.

Best,
Sandy Bourseau
151 W. Wing, St.
Arlington Heights, IL

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christian Gajda <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter of support for shelter-inc TLP

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

My name is Christian Gajda, and I am an 18 year old youth currently placed at Shelter's Transitional Living Program. My younger brothers and I were placed in DCFS care in August 2020 due to both of my parent's substance abuse issues and abusive treatment to us. My brothers were placed in foster homes; however, it was challenging to find me a foster home that would accept me simply because of my age. I was placed at Shelter's emergency shelter while my caseworker continued to search for a permanent placement for me. I was recommended for a TLP, and Shelter's TLP interviewed and accepted me. I moved into the TLP on February 24, 2021.

I was raised in Lake Forest, IL and previously attended Lake Forest High School. I add that information because many people want to believe that DCFS youth all come from "inner city Chicago", however, I am far from it. In fact, the other five youth in our TLP did not come from Chicago either. We all came from the suburbs, and none of us have a "street mentality". With Shelter's TLP being in Arlington Heights, we can live in a setting that we have all been familiar with and feel safe. We can attend good schools and receive a good education. We can get good jobs where we can learn to save and budget our money appropriately. The Shelter staff are very involved with each of us here, and they teach us how to cook, clean, make medical appointments, take care of ourselves, apply for jobs, create resumes, and open bank accounts. We are responsible for chores in the home and making sure we keep our bedrooms clean. I have a caseworker here that is very involved with me and the other kids. She is in constant contact with our schools, monitors our employment, and holds staffings with us to set our short-term goals in order to work towards our long-term goal of independence. I have a therapist that meets with me weekly, and she holds therapeutic groups every other week with all of us. There is staff available to us and supervising the home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If someone were to ask me what it means to be here at Shelter's TLP, I would have to say that it means so much to me to have people believe in me and help me to become independent since my parents are not there to help me with this. I am not a bad kid. I am a kid whose parents aren't there for me now to teach me and help me with what I need to know.

Sincerely,

Christian Gajda

Sent from my iPad

Hubbard, Sam

From: Tricia Udelhofen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights for 22 years, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Please help us keep this program available to all who need it.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Tricia Udelhofen

1829 N. Forrest Ln.
Arlington Hts. Il. 60004

Warm Regards,
Tricia Udelhofen
Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Michele Hilgart [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. It is just one of the many reasons that I personally support Shelter Inc. financially each year.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Michele L Hilgart
1148 N Hickory Ave

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Lose up to 15 pounds in 21 Days. A simple nutrition plan and 30 minute workout is all it takes. Ask me how!

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cari Wilkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Cari Wilkins
Subject: Support for TLP

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June 9, 2021

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

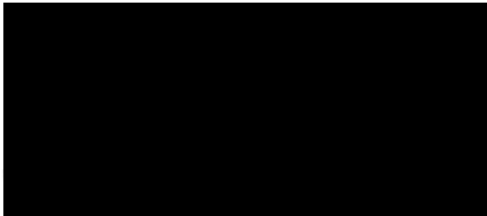
As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. I feel very strongly that this is a resource our community needs to offer these special humans.

Thank you for your work managing through all of the pieces of this. If you would like to talk please reach out at any time. My cell is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Cari Wilkins
312 South Derbyshire Lane
Arlington Heights

Cari L. Wilkins (she|her|hers)
Vice President, Analytics
4 Overlook Point, Lincolnshire, IL



In-clusion (n.) \in-'klü-zhen\

Inclusion is a sense of belonging: feeling respected, valued for who you are; the achievement of a work environment where all colleagues can do their best work, have fair and equal access to opportunities and resources and can contribute fully to the organization's success.

June 9, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

_____Anna Wilkins_____

Name

Address

312 S Derbyshire lane, Arlington Heights IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Judy Sanders [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter inc support letter

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June 9, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

I am writing to support Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Arlington hts. I have lived here my whole life attending all the district 25 and 214 schools.

If you have any questions please call me [REDACTED]

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Judy Sanders
214 West Lillian Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: gretchconnects [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Home in Arlington Heights for Shelter

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I support the sale of a home in Arlington Heights to Shelter, INC.
Gretchen Mahin
[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Lexi Christensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc. TLP to remain in Arlington Heights

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Dear Sam,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Alexis Christensen
906 N. Stratford Rd.,
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



June 9, 2021

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

We are residents of Arlington Heights. Our religious congregation, Clerics of St. Viator, was established here over 60 years ago. We have a long history of serving youth through our ministry at Saint Viator High School.

Called to minister to youth "accounted of little importance," we enthusiastically support Shelter's desire to purchase a home in Arlington Heights for its Transitional Living Program.

As you know, Shelter has successfully operated such a home in the area since 2012. Such a home is crucial for at risk young people and their families. Instead of turning away from these youth and their families, Shelter embraces them and provides much needed services to ensure stability and grounding for a promising future.

As Arlington Heights examines how it can become a more welcoming and inclusive community, this proposal by Shelter offers such an opportunity. By approving Shelter's request, the village acknowledges the tremendous work of this organizations and its committed staff. It also acknowledges the dignity of these youth and their families.

It is our hope and prayer that the Village Board will grant permission for Shelter to proceed with the purchase of a home in Arlington Heights to continue its much-needed services.

Sincerely

Fr. Corey Brost, CSV
Br. Michael Gosch, CSV
1212 East Euclid Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5747

Hubbard, Sam

From: Tracz, Cristy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc.

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

In addition, I am a teacher at River Trails Middle School in Mount Prospect, and we have donated to Shelter, Inc. over the past few years from the money raised at our all school carnival.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Thank you for your attention.

Cristy Tracz
1613 N Chicago Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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June 6, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my strong support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

The Village of Arlington Heights recently paid \$31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was supporting programs such as the TLP. Without the program, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Kelly Barash

1811 N Waterman Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christina Crusius [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc Transitional Living Program

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Dear Village Decision Makers and Neighbors,

I am writing to share my support for keeping the Shelter, Inc Transitional Living Program within the Village of Arlington Heights. This 46 year old program fills an important need in our community, supporting young adults who have aged out of child welfare services, such as foster care, and preparing them to make a successful transition to independent adulthood as productive members of our community.

Recently, this program has needed to relocate, as the space they have been leasing has been sold by the owners. Shelter, Inc has been going through the process of securing a new space within the village. I am disappointed to learn that this relocation process has received pushback from our community.

On a personal note, I have cousins who are alumni of the foster care system. Both had a very difficult transition to adulthood, and one is currently homeless. I can't help but wonder if their stories would have looked different, had they had access to a program like this in their community.

What's more, if we are committed to following through with the recommendations of the recent DEI study, keeping this program is key. Programs that support the vulnerable in our community and work to prevent homelessness create a stronger and more equitable community.

Further, we are proud to be the City of Good Neighbors. In my faith tradition, a man asks "who is my neighbor?" He learns that neighbors are not limited to those who share status, identity, or circumstances in common. Rather, being a neighbor is about showing mercy to the vulnerable. This is the definition of good neighbor that I dream we live up to as a village.

In this moment, I would challenge my fellow community members and leaders to not limit their definition of neighbor. Let us instead be neighbors to these young adults by continuing to allow them to receive supports they need to successfully thrive within our community.

Sincerely,

Christina Crusius
she/her/hers

204 N Patton Ave,
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
26 year resident
[REDACTED]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Palffy Christina [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc TLP

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am a lifelong citizen of Arlington Heights currently owning the home at 1319 E. Eton Drive on the north end of the Village. I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. I have been proud of my friends and neighbors living in Arlington Heights and our leadership's desire to increase diversity equity and inclusion in the village. Allowing TLP to stay in Arlington Heights is an opportunity to do just that.

For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. I am a high school teacher and know from experience with students that programs such as the TLP are integral to the success of young adults as they transition to independent life. The vast majority of the young adults in Arlington Heights benefit from emotional support after high school. The young adults in the TLP do not have this support from parents through no fault of their own. TLP can help them to develop the skills needed to complete their education, be gainfully employed and overall be productive members of our community.

Please help our Village remain an example for other communities in helping those who need us most. The investment in the welfare of these young adults is something for Arlington Heights to be proud of. There is nothing in this proposal that would be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the citizens living and working in the vicinity of the TLP. I am confident that the Village leadership understands the importance of this opportunity and will act accordingly.

Thank you for your attention. I would be happy to discuss this topic with anyone related to the issue.

Sincerely,

Christina Palffy

Hubbard, Sam

From: Kathy Kowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Kathy Kowitz
Subject: ***Voicing my support for Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program to remain in Arlington Heights!!!

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From: Kathryn H Kowitz
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Subject: ***Voicing my support for Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program to remain in Arlington Heights!!!

Dear Village Board of Arlington Heights,

I am a resident of Arlington Heights, and I am writing today to voice my support for Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in Arlington Heights! I am also writing to request your support, also, for Shelter, Inc's TLP to remain in Arlington Heights!

The reasons for my support of Shelter, Inc's TLP to remain in Arlington Heights are many:

* I strongly support diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our Village of Arlington Heights recently paid \$31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations is supporting programs such as Shelter, Inc's TLP. Without Shelter, Inc's TLP, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With Shelter, Inc's TLP in Arlington Heights, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends and community members we welcome.

* Shelter, Inc's TLP has successfully operated in a leased home in Arlington Heights since 2012. Due to the owner selling the property, Shelter, Inc is working with the Village of Arlington Heights to purchase a new residence that will benefit individuals, families, and our community.

* Community services and initiatives must strive to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents.

* The residence that Shelter, Inc is working to purchase in Arlington Heights is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation.

* Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

I urge the Arlington Heights Village Board to support Shelter, Inc's TLP to remain in Arlington Heights!

Sincerely,
Kathryn H Kowitz
1316 N Harvard Ave
Arlington Heights IL 60004

Sent from my iPad