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June 8, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of TurnAround, Inc., we are writing to express our support for the proposal from the Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc. for the former site of the St. Rita's school, church hall, and convent buildings located on the block bounded by Dunglow, Mornington, Dunleer, and Dunmanway Roads ("St. Rita's parcel").

We are eager to see it move forward for the growth and success of this valued service partner and for the benefit of our entire State. The Family Crisis Center's proposal for the St. Rita's parcel will deepen the work of a trusted non-profit organization with over 40 years of experience serving their community and contributing to the regional resources for victims of domestic violence. Their intended uses for these buildings, as apartments for transitional use by victims of domestic violence, a community gathering space, expanded offices, and community gardens will create greater stability for families currently served by the Emergency shelter, and enable FCC to support these families to maintain safety, strengthening the stability of families and promoting thriving communities. The community gathering space will be an important addition to the resources available to help grow community and neighborhood capacity, directly benefitting the broader public.

As a service provider in Baltimore County, the Family Crisis Center is a trusted partner. Their expansion in this way will support all county providers and survivors of domestic violence that will have more readily accessible services and care. The vision to provide a safe Baltimore County is a shared one, and TurnAround strongly supports their proposal.

We look forward to seeing these buildings returned to active uses that enhance and work to fulfill our vision for a vibrant Dundalk in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

Amanda Rodriguez

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May 28, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Family Crisis Center's (FCC) proposed acquisition and development of St. Rita's in Dundalk. The Domestic Violence Program (DOVE) at Northwest Hospital is part of LifeBridge Health's new Center for Hope, which provides services to victims of abuse and violence, throughout the lifespan. The DOVE Program has been an integral part of Baltimore County's response to domestic violence for over 16 years.

The DOVE Program and FCC have worked together over this time, through collaborative meetings such as the Baltimore County Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee. Either program may refer victims to the other program based on clients' individual needs.

This partnership was highlighted during the pandemic, when DOVE assisted with sheltering victims during a quarantine period, as COVID-19 made it unsafe to place victims and their children directly into FCC's shelter. The ongoing collaboration to develop a Coordinated Entry system, is benefiting victims of abuse and their children, by creating easier access to emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing.

Family Crisis Center has been a leader for over 40 years in the work to create stability and safety for families in crisis. Although located in Dundalk, their services are beneficial to all residents of Baltimore County who need support. There are fewer resources for families who are moving out of the crisis and building a stable life within the community. The development of FCC at St. Rita's would not only expand the array of safe housing options but also a space to continue the healing process.

The DOVE Program is in full support of this innovative undertaking.

Sincerely,

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