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FW: Regarding Harmony House: Message of support

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Dear Mayor Hall and Council Members, City of Prince George:

I write with regard to the proposal to build Harmony House's new second-stage housing on land owned by the Trinity United Church at 606 Zelkwas. I write to urge you to consider the benefits of the Harmony House program to the local community as you deliberate on this matter.

Phoenix Transition House Society and Harmony House have done incredible work to support women and children in building healthier family lives in the wake of violence. They are a model of the best kind of social service: one that not only provides assistance in crisis, but also empowers people to grow, heal, and become healthy, contributing members of their communities and society. The proposed site for this project is entirely appropriate to meet this goal, since it will provide access to the services (shopping, transit, healthcare, schools, park, etc.) that women and their children need as they build their new lives. Importantly, the proposed site will also bring women and their children into a thriving community with rental opportunities for the period after women graduate from second-stage housing into full independence. This has been identified as an important aspect of the success of second-stage housing programs.

As a member of the Prince George community and someone concerned with supporting the empowerment, growth, and health of families, I urge you all to make your decision on Harmony House rezoning on the basis of sound evidence and policy, and in the interest of a healthy and compassionate Prince George.

Sincerely, Jacqueline Holler