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To: Northfield HRA

RE: Leasing rental units from Northfield HRA

Ruth's House is truly appreciative of our partnership with the Northfield HRA.

Ruth's House operates a HUD funded **Long-Term Permanent Supportive Housing Program** provides 9 off-site apartments for families that meet the HUD definition of homelessness and have struggled with maintaining safe, stable housing because of a disability. Ruth's House is the leaseholder, and clients are responsible for paying a portion of the rent, based on family income. Clients also receive ongoing supportive services from a case manager who provides crisis intervention, helps set and monitor goals, and assists the client in making connections to community resources. In addition, clients have access to Emergency and Transitional Shelter staff twenty-four hours a day for any additional needed support.

Ruth's House has been leasing a rental unit within our Long-term Supportive Housing Program from the Northfield HRA and has managed the unit and the program very efficiently. It has been a great collaboration between the 2 agencies and a life saver and stabilizer for the family we serve in that unit.

Ruth's House also operates 2 other Long-term supportive housing program rental units from another landlord and the program is not a great fit for the landlord's ability to maintain the property.

After conversations with Dayna Norvold and Janine Atchison, we are requesting expanding our partnership with the Northfield HRA renting on the two more properties to better serve our clients. We will be seeking new properties to rent in the near future.

Rapid Rehousing is another program Ruth's House is looking into offering. We have a grant pending with HUD and are awaiting to hear if we have been awarded. The government shut s=down has delayed the Award process on all new Rapid Rehousing programs until further notice.

The Rapid Rehousing program is similar to Ruth's House Long Term Supportive housing program. It has the same components and services. It includes Rental assistance for approximately 6 months along with supportive services to keep families stable and then move them on to self-sufficiency. The goal is for the program participant to eventually take over the lease and become independent from the program. This program is for victims of domestic violence. We would be looking for two to four units annually.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Ruth Hickey

