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To Whom It May Concern:

Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley is writing this letter of support for Church at the Park (C@P) and their upcoming projects in Dallas and Monmouth.

C@P's establishment of two micro-communities in rural Polk County presents the only current feasible emergency shelter solution in these locations. Their adaptable and responsive approach not only addresses the immediate needs of our unhoused neighbors but also offers a valuable opportunity for community engagement for the broader community.

The outreach efforts of C@P unite the wider community under a common cause for meaningful and community-specific solutions. Their dedication underscores the shared understanding that people thrive when supported within their own communities, surrounded by familiarity and a sense of belonging.

At Family Promise, we are eager and prepared to broaden our support and services to the individuals and families who will seek shelter within the micro-communities you are pioneering. Our organization is committed to this partnership, and we are excited to work alongside another faith-based ally in providing resources, expertise, and heartfelt care to our neighbors in the rural areas of Polk County.

Church at the Park's initiative to establish these micro-communities is a significant step toward addressing rural homelessness. It embodies a forward-thinking approach to providing shelter and support, breaking down barriers to access, and fostering a sense of community for those in need.

Thank you for your dedication and partnership in making a difference in the lives of those who are often unseen but are an integral part of our community.

In partnership,

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Executive Director