Habitat for Humanity® of Elkhart County, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the charter application for the Excel Center - Elkhart submitted by Goodwill LEADS, Inc. I support the Excel Center's objective to provide adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma and pursue post-secondary education while developing career paths that offer greater employment and career growth opportunities.

Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County, Inc. has been focused on affordable housing for nearly 35 years and there is a direct correlation between housing and educational success. Having this type of educational option for us to promote to our current and potential families would be a great value. We support this application as we feel that it aligns very strategically with our mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Educational success, particularly for adults who have not yet attained a high school diploma also brings hope and is a vital component of building a stronger community here in Elkhart

We recognize the importance of working together as a community to provide pathways for all residents to maximize economic opportunity through education and training. We support Goodwill in providing unique education services to individuals who didn't graduate high school, removing barriers and creating a lasting impact on families, businesses, and the communities we serve.

Our agency will continue to offer available resources to ensure the success of an Excel Center in Elkhart.

Your consideration of this charter application is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg Conrad
President and Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County, Inc.