

Letter of Support for Unity Homes

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I am writing in my professional capacity as a licensed Physical Therapist to express my strong support for the establishment of a proposed adult foster home, Unity Homes, in Wallowa County.

Through my clinical work, I regularly serve adults with mobility limitations, chronic medical conditions, balance impairments, and functional decline who require a safe, supportive living environment. There is a significant need in our rural and remote community for high-quality adult foster homes that can provide individualized care while promoting mobility, safety, and functional independence. Many individuals who would benefit from this level of care have limited placement options, resulting in delayed discharges, increased caregiver burden, or placement in settings that are far from their families here in Wallowa County.

Unity Homes will help address an important gap in services within the community. A small, home-based setting is particularly well-suited for adults who require assistance with activities of daily living, mobility support, and supervision, while still benefiting from a calm environment that encourages independence and dignity.

From a physical therapy and rehabilitation perspective, adult foster homes play a critical role in supporting safe mobility, fall prevention, and the continuation of therapeutic recommendations. A well-run foster home can reduce hospitalizations and long-term complications as well as remove caregiver burdens but allow families to remain together. The proposed home has the potential to provide an environment that supports these goals and complements the services provided by healthcare professionals already familiar with these tenants.

The establishment of this adult foster home would be a valuable resource for individuals, families, and healthcare providers in the area. I believe it would positively contribute to the continuum of care and meet an identified and ongoing community need.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me should additional information be required.

Sincerely,

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