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To whom it may concern,

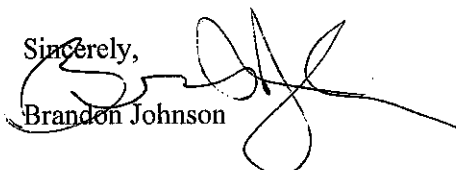
It is with great pleasure that I am able to draft this letter of support for Furnishing Dignity. Since its inception, Furnishing Dignity has been steadfast in supporting and supplying a number of families exiting UMOM's emergency shelter into permanent housing.

Founded in 1964, UMOM New Day Centers is the largest shelter for homeless families in Arizona. We keep families together, we provide a continuum of care from emergency shelter to transitional housing and finally, permanent, affordable housing. Families at UMOM have the opportunity to gain the skills, medical care, quality child care, and education they need to rebuild their lives and succeed when they leave.

Coming into shelter, under many different circumstances, families lose nearly everything prior to their arrival because many cannot afford the cost of storage or they cannot transport many of those items (furniture included) into shelter. Many families arrive to shelter with a few select personal items, limited clothing, and vital records. Over time, some families are able to accumulate clothing and some household items however, furniture for our families with little or no income is hard to acquire.

In light of the scarcity of furniture available to low and zero income families, the blessing that many families have come to discover is Furnishing Dignity. Since the beginning of the UMOM and Furnishing Dignity partnership, Furnishing Dignity has been gracious enough to serve 17 families and counting in between our Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Programs. Recipients of their services have had their homes furnished with key furniture items including couches, mattresses with bed frames, light fixtures, and linens. This collaboration to date has been nothing short of amazing. The joy of a family who has not slept in a place to call their own in years is a testament of Furnishing Dignity's impact.

I have the deepest personal and professional respect for Furnishing Dignity and its founders, and I sincerely believe with your support they will provide more families with joy, comfort, and stability within their homes.

Sincerely,

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