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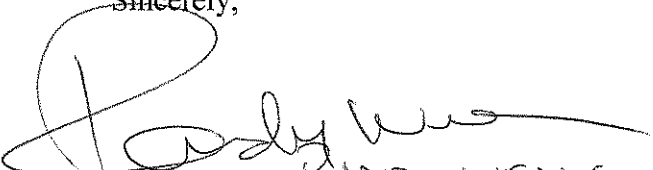
Dear Alachua County Board of County Commission and Gainesville City Commission,


Last summer, representatives of the Gainesville Regional/Alachua County Empowerment (GRACE) 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness Implementation Committee came before you seeking funding for a pilot program to provide respite for homeless persons being discharged from the hospital. You graciously agreed to fund this pilot on trial basis and asked the Implementation Committee representatives to report back you with the outcomes. We are happy to report that the pilot was a success. A copy of the report detailing the success is enclosed.

You are presently funding this program through the end of the current fiscal year, for which we and the homeless community thank you. We are requesting that you consider allocating funding for this program on an ongoing basis by adding it as a budget line item to your during your upcoming budget negotiations.

Your willingness to help alleviate the needs of our homeless community, now and in the future are both recognized and appreciated. We look forward to a continued excellent working relationship with the Commissions.

Sincerely,


City Commission of Craig Lowe
KANDY WELLS
Mayor, City of Gainesville representative
GRACE 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness
Implementation Committee Co-Chair


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Alachua County Commissioner
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Enclosure: Report