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To: Neighbors of 2920 Forest Lane

Around February 21, a zoning consultant engaged by St. Jude Inc. notified you that it had applied to the City of Dallas for a zoning change for the property at 2920 Forest Lane in order to change the use from retirement housing to supportive housing. On March 21 we met with members of the Northtown Square Homeowners Association to review our proposal and to respond to questions.

There has been a fair amount of misinformation circulating around the project which is creating concern for you and your neighbors. This concern is largely unfounded and we are hopeful that additional insight provided will mitigate those concerns. Please refer to CCDallas.org/news/ to fully understand the plan, goals, responsibilities, and outcomes.

Briefly, St. Jude Inc. will own the real estate and be responsible for the facility. Catholic Charities Dallas ("CCD") will be the operating manager of St. Jude Center. Supportive services will be provided by third parties such as City Square under supervision of CCD. St. Jude Center is not a shelter and will not provide transient housing. Residents will live at St. Jude Center by their own choice in their own apartment under a written lease agreement; they will be screened using objective criteria including criminal history. Residents must comply with an objective set of community policies which among other things prohibit drug use or possession. The property will be secured and staffed 24/7.

It is clear that the zoning change requested will not be easily approved. Therefore we have asked the City to hold our application in abeyance. Instead, we will comply with the existing zoning which by right permits the use described so long as the residents are limited to those age 55 or older.

CCD and the other interested parties are working collaboratively to more fully develop the specific operating procedures and program outlines to insure a safe, healthy and productive environment for all. We've had many meetings with community and government stakeholders and have been generally warmly received and encouraged by their full support, including the endorsement by Mayor Mike Rawlings. We welcome the opportunity to receive your trust and confidence as we proceed to address a pressing problem of the community. If you need additional information, contact me at chidallas.org/contact-us/ or David Woodyard via the CCD site above.

We are excited to bring a much needed to service to those in need in our community and to make Dallas better for our efforts.



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