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Ms. Ashley Miller  
Community Development Manager  
DuPage County Community Development Commission  
421 N. County Farm Road., Room 2-800  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: Request to Assume HOME Agreement HM16-01

Dear Ms. Miller,

The Little Friends nonprofit organization was established in 1965 in Naperville as a private therapeutic day school and over time has grown to support 6 programs addressing the needs from children to elderly challenged by intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism. We are proud to add the Illinois Independent Living Center as our newest and 7<sup>th</sup> program for the communities we serve.

Little Friends has experience helping individuals live independently, and given this we believe the merger is a good fit for the two organizations, providing sustainability for the Illinois Independent Living Center on a long-term basis. With this merger, it is our intention to maintain the current Illinois Independent Living Center programming, staff, and all agreements the organization had prior to the merger including the HOME Agreement. We will continue to utilize the current verbiage in the tenant leases. Further, Little Friends will continue governing Illinois Independent Living Center as an affordable rental housing option for disabled individuals with mobility impairments. This intention includes the affordability period of the remaining agreement and, if applicable, the County imposed extended use period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, I appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mikel S. Briggs  
President/CEO

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