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Sent: 28 February 2024 18:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter in support of Support 4 Families asset transfer request

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to you as a member of the local community to let you know that I fully support Support 4 Families (S4F) asset transfer request to move into The Family Hub in Cornton.

S4F is an amazing charity at the top of the town in Stirling run by extremely dedicated people who are driven and passionate about supporting children and their families who are affected by someone else's drug misuse. They are the only charity of its kind despite there being a growing demand for their services due to an ever-growing problem with drugs and addiction in the community.

With a lot of resources focussed on supporting a person with their substance misuse and addiction leaving families affected by it feeling forgotten about and slipping through the cracks, it's now vital more than it's ever been to make sure families and other people in the local community feel supported too.

S4F can bridge the gap and make a positive difference to the families affected and to the local community, however they are currently limited in what they can do and what they can offer in the current small premises that they occupy at St. John's.

Gaining new premises at The Family Hub would mean they can continue the invaluable work they are currently doing, as well as provide even more much needed help and support to the current children and their families they work with, in addition to expanding their reach and services to offer new children and their families support who are in desperate need of their service which in turn benefits the whole local community.

In my own personal experience, we've currently had involvement with S4F for about a year as we are a family affected by my ex-partner/my children's father having a drug addiction problem and drug related re-offending.

Prior to being referred to S4F, we felt ashamed and isolated about what we were going through as a family as we didn't have any support and it made us feel like we were not part of our local community.

We have had an extremely positive involvement with S4F and we feel incredibly lucky to be one of the families supported by them. At the Kids@S4F club, they've given my child a safe and supportive environment to play and learn new skills and connect with other children around their age in the local community who are going through a similar situation. This has benefited my child in other areas too, such as improved self-esteem, willingness to attend and learn in school and build positive friendships in school which has improved my child's overall wellbeing.

Furthermore, as a family, S4F has given us an opportunity to build warm, safe and trusting relationships with everyone at S4F including with the other families, who understand our situation and what we're going through. It's helped us feel much better about life, as we're more able to enjoy life and feel hopeful for a bright future. We feel part of the S4F family and also very much part of our local community again. I'm also seriously considering returning to working with people who are affected by substance misuse as I feel inspired by the work S4F do.

It's clear that the work S4F do has a huge positive impact on the children and families they work with directly which creates a positive change in their lives, as well as creating ripple effects in the whole local community and the next generations.

With all that said, I am highly confident that S4F is the most suitable charity to take over the premises and make a great asset to the local people and community as a whole.

If you would like to discuss it further, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]