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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 February 2024 21:49
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: PLUS

Hi,

I am writing on behalf of PLUS to support their request for buying the building from the prison.

PLUS means quite a lot to me, I have worked there for almost 3 years. In that time, I have been able to develop myself starting as sessional, then becoming coordinator and then moving to work in the office. PLUS has given me a chance to develop myself and become more confident and realise what I am capable of. That is due to the supportive and caring nature of PLUS.

It would make a massive difference to PLUS to have this building. We had a massive fright when we were told we were going to be evicted at the start of the year. Having this building to call our home would be huge as it would provide security to the staff, young people and their families. A lot of the families PLUS supports were very concerned their support was going to come to an end, which would have been devastating to so many. PLUS provides a safe space for young people to play and express themselves fully without fear or judgement. Without PLUS many families would not have the respite we are able to provide.

PLUS is also a large employer to the Stirling community and provides staff with a great place to work. It also provides an opportunity for students to learn what it is like to work in a care setting specialising with children and adults with additional needs. Furthermore, PLUS has volunteers in the sessional, some of whom have attended PLUS when they were younger. Allowing them to have responsibilities as adults and get work experience.

Kind regards,

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