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Dear Samaritan Campus Residents & Families,

After many years of uncertainty regarding the future of the Samaritan Campus, last week's vote by the Washington County Board concludes the discussion. The board voted to approve the sale for Samaritan to a private sector nursing company rather than remodel or build a new facility. Closing Samaritan was not under consideration. Therefore, at the direction of the County Board, as adopted by resolution, the county will commence with negotiations for the sale.

I am reaching out to reassure you about the board's decision and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring compassionate care for the current and future residents.

Our negotiations will prioritize care for our residents and retention of staff; and will prioritize ensuring any new facility will be built in Washington County, preferably near West Bend. In addition, our discussions will center around the care for our Title 19 residents who represent the most vulnerable in our community.

It is also important to note that while negotiations are ongoing and then when agreements are signed, our current campus will remain as is, and residents will continue to live there until such time if/when a new facility is built. Regardless of the outcome of the negotiations and the timeline, we are committed to a smooth transition, one that keeps the wellbeing of our residents as a top priority.

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you and encourage you to reach out if you have any additional concerns. We will continue to communicate any new developments.

Best Regards,



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