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Wayne Kradjan Chairman, Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

It has been several months since we provided you with an update on the search for a home for Grace Center when our lease expires in 2016. I bring you good news. A verbal agreement has been reached with Samaritan Health Service for Grace Center to purchase a major portion of the existing building that houses our current operations. The Boards of Directors of both Grace Center and Samaritan Health Services have approved this plan pending a formal written contract. This is the best possible outcome in finding a site for continuing Grace Center's operations.

For over 30 years, Grace Center has been the only adult day center in Corvallis and the

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surrounding three counties. We provide respite and support to family and other caregivers, while maintaining or improving the functional abilities of participants by promoting health, dignity and independence.



Our current building is strategically located with convenient access via a circular driveway for vans and small buses; has wide hallways and multiple oversized bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs and handicapped individuals; includes ADA compliant shower facilities; and has separate rooms for exercise programs, music programs, massage therapy, woodworking, other craft activities, a full sized dining room, as well as quiet spaces for those who need to avoid excess external stimulation. A unique attribute that can not be easily duplicated elsewhere is a large fenced outdoor space for gardening, picnics, and raising chickens. Quite simply, there is nothing else in Corvallis that offers so much in one convenient location.

Owning our building will give us the luxury to remodel and update certain areas, allow implementation of new programs, and accommodate growth in the number of participants and staff without the concern of having to frequently renegotiate lease terms or possibly relocate at another time. In any case, we know that the aging population will dictate an ever increasing demand for our services. (cont.)

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Of course, there are hurdles ahead including finalizing the terms of the sales contract, receiving zoning approval from the City of Corvallis, and completion of needed infrastructure upgrades to the building. Over the next several months we will be asking you to support Grace Center through our annual appeal and as we launch a major fund raising campaign for the building purchase and remodel. Please know that **financial** support from generous donors is critical in making Grace Center's dream of owning our own building a reality.

You will receive other updates about this exciting development in the near future including invitations to attend the **Grace Center Jubilee on Saturday, October 3** and to join small group meetings or tours at Grace Center. In the meantime, feel free to contact me, either of our two co-directors (Rene` Knight and Tera Stegner), or any other board member for more details on the building purchase or how to make a gift.

Wayne Kradjan

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