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Special homes for very special people

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VERY SPECIAL HOMES

Suggested talking points for requested Letter of Interest

(Please note that this requested *Letter of Interest* does not act as an application for housing. You will be notified at the appropriate time to complete a formal application)

We would like to know who you are:

- Contact information (name, address, phone, email, etc.) for the person writing the *Letter of Interest*, and name of the potential applicant if different
- Relationship of the letter writer to the individual (yourself, parent, guardian, sibling, support professional, etc.)

We would like to know if the potential applicant has a developmental disability:

- Diagnosis of the potential applicant
- A brief description of the individual (works, volunteers, goes to school, attends a day program, drives, anything else you care to mention)

We would like to know the person will have even further access to their community beyond what comes naturally with community living:

- Does the potential applicant have family involvement and/or other natural supports (friends, faith based supporters, other relatives, etc.)
- How will any required paid support services be funded (DDD, Medicaid, private insurance, personal finances, etc.)

We would like to know your choice in “what, when, and where”:

- Preferred type of housing (Independent Living, Group Home, or Shared Home)
- Preferred time frame for moving into future housing
- Preferred geographical location of future housing
- Please indicate if you have considered all of your options. We like to know that you have made an informed decision (for example is this *your* personal preference in housing or do you feel there is no other choice available)?

Letters can be mailed to
Bergen County’s United Way,
Attn: Housing Services Coordinator,
6 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652

or

Emailed to Patrick at Pchieffe@bergenunitedway.org