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Mr. Brent Lee
Program Director, Community Development
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
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Dear Brent,

It is without reservation that I offer my endorsement and support of the Gift VIII Leadership: Implementation Grant submitted by Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County (CFBMC). As President and CEO of Bloomington Health Foundation, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand efforts undertaken by CFBMC to advance quality of life and quality of place in and around South-Central Indiana. I am confident if awarded Gift VIII funding, the proposed “no wrong door” concept will have a significant impact on coordinating existing resources aimed at reducing homelessness in our region.

We recognize no one organization can tackle the homeless crisis alone. We believe the proposed concept compliments our current efforts to employ non-licensed Community Health Navigators to be the first point of contact in the community where those impacted by mental health and addiction can access the resources, skills, and support they need. The funding of licensed case managers working directly with the homeless population will ensure our community really is a “no wrong door” approach to overcoming barriers and creating lasting change.

Thank you in advance for considering our letter of support. Please feel free to contact me at (812) 558-2547, or mgilchrist@bloomhf.org if you require any additional information.

Michelle Gilchrist

President and CEO