



To: Representative Tammy Baldwin
United States House of Representatives

From: Marilynn Perry
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Edgerton Care Center has served the health care needs of our community for nearly 40 years, and we are currently seeking funds to furnish a new 50-bed skilled licensed nursing facility and 20-bed assisted living facility.

At present, Edgerton Care Center, Inc. (ECC) is a 61-bed skilled nursing facility, located within and formerly a subsidiary of Edgerton Hospital. In our current institutional setting, we primarily serve the health care needs of our community's elderly population, approximately 70% of these through Medicaid. As plans are underway to replace the old hospital building, the Care Center must also relocate. We are excited about this project and are looking forward to increasing our ability to serve the continuing health care needs of our community.

Our new facility design has already been recognized as an innovative approach to health care. The design features a "neighborhood concept" where all residents are housed on one floor in a home-like atmosphere with easy access to the outdoors. Our Care Center is part of the "Healthy Village" project, along with the hospital, and will include modern technology in an environmentally friendly setting. The new Care Center will be safer, more attractive and more energy efficient. In addition because of our innovation, Medicaid will grant us an additional medical assistance reimbursement of ten dollars a day for each Medicaid resident in the Center.

At present our plans are complete, and we are ready to begin construction. We have raised funds for the building portion of our facility, but we are still seeking assistance to furnish our facility. With funding for furnishings, we will be able to proceed with our project and better serve the health care needs of Rock County. I have attached our basic furnishings plan for your examination.

In addition, your support of this project will also create jobs within Rock County. Construction of the facility will provide employment for hundreds of people within our community. As well, our new Care Center will enable us to employ additional health care workers long-term.

Thank you for consideration of our request. I look forward to answering your questions.

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