



We build strength, stability, self-reliance *and* shelter.

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Heather J. Krause  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Racine County Courthouse  
730 Wisconsin Avenue 10th Floor  
Racine WI 53403

Amy Connolly  
City Development, Director  
City Hall, Room 102  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Ms. Krause & Ms. Connolly,

I am writing to inform you that Racine Habitat for Humanity would like to accept title to a property at 910 Hagerer Street if the property would be transferred tax free to Racine Habitat for Humanity, Inc. This property meets our requirements for construction. Since it is a vacant property, we propose to build a new single-family house to sell to a low-income Habitat family that we will build within a three year period from the time that we acquire the property.

Thanks to the work of Habitat for Humanity organizations in 1,400 communities across the United States, in 2015, and again in 2016, Harris Poll Interactive, part of the Nielsen Company, ranked Habitat for Humanity the number one social services brand in the United States. Last year, Habitat for Humanity also earned the distinction of being named the "Most Loved" and "Most Trusted" brand in the social services category.

Future homeowners help build their own homes alongside Habitat volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With our help and your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Homeownership boosts educational performance of children, induces higher participation in civic and volunteering activity, improves health care outcomes, lowers crime rates and lessens welfare dependency. Everyone in the family can get a better education, which leads to better job opportunities and financial stability that steers a path out of poverty.

Together, our partnership efforts have resulted in selling 92 homes with an affordable mortgage and collecting over \$2.5 million in added property tax revenue during the past 29 years. We hope that you will agree that this transaction would be in the best interest of the community.

Thank you for your assistance moving our request through the proper channels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeAnn M. Launstein".

LeAnn Launstein  
Executive Director

Cc: Jane Nikolai