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The Honorable Ben Nelson
United States Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

Epworth Village in York provides a highly structured program of therapeutic services for young Nebraskans. Their reputation is impeccable in our state. I understand they are seeking funding in the FY 2011 appropriations bill to enhance and expand their facilities and programs to provide for recognized, yet unmet, needs with carefully-thought-out, fiscally responsible proposals.

I have read about their intent to resurrect the York Middle School. They foresee it housing an after-school program and then having space available to further serve those with mental/behavioral health concerns and to provide additional education opportunities relative to community health. Their proposal to upgrade an existing building on their campus to make it more accessible also is fiscally sound. It makes great sense to significantly expand usable space in an existing structure with the installation of an elevator. Training physicians to better administer medications to children with psychosocial problems and embarking on a mission to place Licensed Mental Health Providers in schools are both admiral and timely goals.

It is my great privilege to support Mr. Tom McBride, President and CEO, in his efforts to secure the monies necessary to take advantage of timely opportunities to enhance and expand the quality services provided by Epworth Village.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kathy Campbell
State Senator

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