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As requested, the boundaries for Ellwanger Height's are:

N. 16th St to N. 17th St; Galena to Walnut

If you should have any more questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

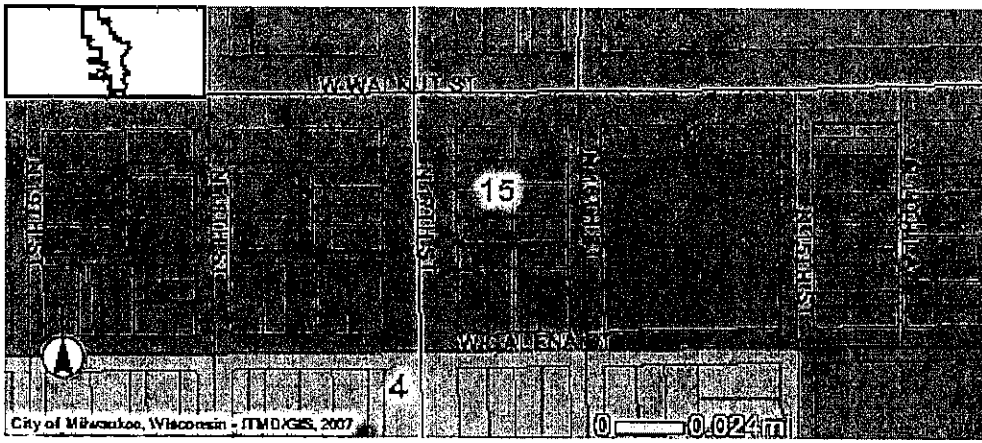
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To: Whom It May Concern
From: Ezekiel Community Development Corporation
Re: Pastor Joseph W. Ellwanger
Date: May 30, 2008

Pastor Ellwanger has been instrumental in helping this organization build affordable homes in the blocks bounded by N. 16th St and N. 17th St., Walnut and Galena here in the City of Milwaukee. Initially, during one of MICA's board meetings, Task Force Committees were formed such as Jobs, Education and Housing and Economic Development. As MICA churches, we were placed on different Clusters throughout the City of Milwaukee. Ezekiel was development from Cluster 3 – Housing and Economic Development and on March 14, 1997, the Ezekiel Community Development Corporation was incorporated by the State of WI.

Without Pastor Ellwanger's knowledge, relationships, passion and willingness to see a better community, we would not have been able to complete our goals to promote homeownership and to expand the possibility of home buying to low and moderate income households.

We, the Ezekiel board members would like to honor Pastor Ellwanger by naming the area of the Ezekiel project "Ellwanger Heights" and to have a street named in his honor for all that he has done in this community and beyond.

He has been a crucial part of the following organization:

MICA

Ezekiel Community Development Corporation

Hunger Task Force

WISDOM

Cross Lutheran Church

Project Return

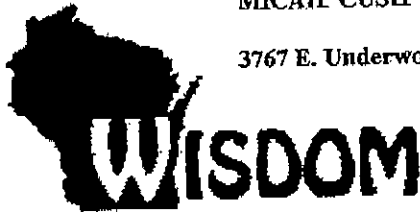
Habitat for Homes

Sincerely,

Ms. Pearlina Johnson
Vice-President, Ezekiel Community Development Corporation

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The Gamaliel Foundation in Wisconsin

May, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that there has been consideration given to creating some sort of honor for Rev. Joseph Ellwanger. I hope that this letter might add a bit to the understanding of what Rev. Ellwanger has done for his community, for the City of Milwaukee and even for our entire state.

Rev. Ellwanger began his involvement with congregation-based community organizing 20 years ago, when he was one of the founders of Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAHA). As a MICAHA leader (and, eventually as its President), Rev. Ellwanger was tireless in his efforts to bring together people of many religious, socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to form community. In a very divided city, he has been a force for unity. He also helped to provide leadership training and development for many residents of Milwaukee's central city. Finally, he led some very effective campaigns through MICAHA to improve the quality of life for all residents of Milwaukee. He was a major factor in winning concrete changes in our schools (including reduced class sizes), for better housing, and for enhanced access to Drug and Alcohol Treatment for low-income, uninsured people.

Since his retirement as pastor of Cross Lutheran Church in 2002, Rev. Ellwanger has worked for the WISDOM organization. WISDOM is an umbrella group, which includes MICAHA, as well as eight similar organizations around the state. Rev. Ellwanger has been the main organizer of new congregation-based social justice organizations in Green Bay, the Fox Valley, Waukesha County, La Crosse and Eau Claire. In every case, his primary tools have been his own inspirational story and enthusiasm, along with a tremendous capacity for hard work. Rev. Ellwanger has met with religious leaders, civic leaders and others – convincing them that they must come together to work for something greater than just their own congregation or their own district.

As he has brought thousands of new people into the congregation-based organizing movement, Rev. Ellwanger has led the campaign for Treatment Instead of Prison (TIP) for non-violent offenders with substance abuse or mental illness issues. Through his tireless efforts to organize and educate people around the state (and in state government), he has helped to bring a new awareness, as well as millions of dollars for treatment alternatives

to incarceration. Many of these programs have a very direct, positive effect on Milwaukee. Still, through Rev. Ellwanger's efforts, legislators around the state are hearing the message from their own constituents. As he brought together diverse people in MICAH, Rev. Ellwanger is now creating bonds that bring together urban, suburban, small-town and rural people from around the state.

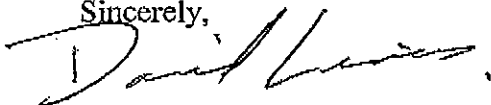
Rev. Joseph Ellwanger is a very uncommon man. His energy and passion are incredible. His vision of a better life for Milwaukeeans and Wisconsinites is so clear that he can help others to see it as well. His life story, including his important role in the Civil Rights movement in Selma, Alabama, is not something he sees in the past tense. Rather, he feels he is continuing on that same journey, with the same intensity and hope, that he began so long ago and far away.

Finally, Rev. Ellwanger is a man of great integrity. He views his most important ministry as the ministry of "walking with" those who face difficulty or injustice. Others left as they saw their neighborhood "go down," Rev. Ellwanger not only stayed, but he re-built it. He does not just talk about Treatment Instead of Prison; he regularly visits inmates to offer encouragement, prayer and guidance. He is a man of faith whose most eloquent sermon is the example of a life filled with hope and compassion.

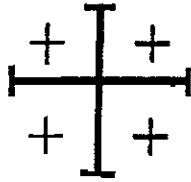
As a modest man, Rev. Ellwanger has never sought recognition. As a matter of fact, he needs to be encouraged to tell his story. Those close to him are often surprised to learn of his other good works (and that he has the time to do all he does). Any recognition given to Rev. Joseph Ellwanger would be richly deserved. It would hold up a great role model, a quiet hero.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David Liners
Executive Director -- WISDOM



Cross Lutheran Church
"Alive in the Spirit"

Kenneth W. Wheeler, Pastor

May 22, 2008

Ezekiel
Ms. Pauline Johnson
2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 230
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am writing this letter in support of The Reverend Joe Ellwanger being given the honor of having a street being named in his honor.

Pastor Joe Ellwanger, as you know, served as pastor of Cross Lutheran Church for 35 years and in those 35 years he did some pretty amazing things. Not only did he serve his flock faithfully, but he served this community in some pretty extraordinary ways. It was Cross Lutheran Church under his leadership that gave birth to Project RETURN and to Hunger Task Force. Pastor Ellwanger has worked diligently as a leader for social justice, demanding that individuals returning from prison be treated with dignity and respect.

He has been a champion for the civil rights of African Americans and of immigrants coming from Mexico and El Salvador. He has been a prophetic voice on treatment instead of prison and has been a prophetic voice speaking to political leaders in this city and beyond about the issues of jobs and healthcare. By the way, you should also know that under his leadership one of the first free clinics also started here at Cross Lutheran Church and that clinic serves over 3,000 people a year.

Pastor Ellwanger, in my estimation, is a magnanimous human being deserving of this recognition, not because he himself would ask for it, but because his life reflects a life of service to his fellow human beings. It was Martin Luther King, Jr. who said that the measure of a man is always seen by the service that he renders to his community. By that definition and by that standard, Pastor Joe Ellwanger rightly fits that description. It is with deep gratitude and deep appreciation for his life of service and for his continuous work in the area of justice that I offer this letter of support and commendation.

Sincerely,

Rev., Kenneth W. Wheeler

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Project RETURN

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Helping men and women leaving prison make a positive and permanent return to our community.

Project RETURN, Inc., an interfaith ministry assisting men and women returning from incarceration with their re-entry needs, would not exist if it were not for the efforts of one man, Pastor Joseph Ellwanger. Pastor Joe and the social concerns committee of Cross Lutheran Church looked around the community and discovered four minimum security prisons and no resources designed to assist them in their re-entry back to the community. With the direction of Pastor Joe, Cross Church housed Project RETURN and helped it grow from an organization that was totally facilitated through volunteers and helping less than a hundred clients a year to the organization it is today with ten full-time employees and a case load of 6,000 a year. Without the guidance, direction and patience of Pastor Joe, the whole project would not be nearly as successful as it is today.

Personally speaking, Pastor Ellwanger has assisted me in a number of ways over the eight years I have known him. Having an office right by Pastor Joe's for my first two years in Milwaukee helped me to learn how to truly help men and women returning from incarceration while also holding them accountable for their actions. I have never witnessed another person give so generously of themselves for a population that does not always appreciate the help that he gives. And when a client stumbles, Pastor Joe has always been there to assist the individual to get back to their feet, dust themselves off and try again.

My life, my world would be a far different place had Joseph Ellwanger not been introduced into it. He has provided guidance and direction to countless numbers of needy people, not the least of which am I. He has received many accolades and numerous awards, but I am fairly certain his greatest accomplishment has been in helping one man, woman or child get to a place where he or she can be proud of who they are and what they have accomplished. Joseph Ellwanger has never been a man who looked for himself, but always for the community around him. He is a man to admire and to emulate.

Sincerely submitted,

Wendel Hruska
Executive Director, Project RETURN, Inc.



May 30, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in testament to the legacy of Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Joyce Ellwanger as founders of Hunger Task Force. From its evolution out of Cross Lutheran Church's school breakfast program in the early 1970s to its 30-year growth into a food bank that supplies 7-10 million pounds of food every year, Hunger Task Force has long been a beacon of hope for Milwaukee's poor and hungry. And in large measure we have Rev. and Mrs. Ellwanger to thank for that.

Rev. Ellwanger was on the initial board of directors for the Concerned Citizens for Central City School Breakfast—Hunger Task Force's immediate antecedent—and on Hunger Task Force's initial board of directors as well. Mrs. Ellwanger served as the agency's first food pantry coordinator. We take great pride in the fact that our organization was founded first and foremost as an advocacy organization around the idea of getting school breakfasts to kids who need them.

Hunger Task Force continues to work for school breakfasts. In fact, we have had breakthroughs over the last three years. This year, more than 27,000 children have access to breakfast in school every day in Milwaukee. It's Rev. and Mrs. Ellwanger's legacy that these kids—many of whose parents had just been born when the Ellwangers began their work—can start their day with a nutritious school meal.

We're proud of our history at Hunger Task Force, and we fully support honoring those hard-working and visionary men and women, like Rev. and Mrs. Ellwanger, who made our work possible.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherrie Tussler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sherrie Tussler
Executive Director

REV. JOSEPH W. ELLWANGER

Joseph W. Ellwanger was pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, an African American congregation in Birmingham, Alabama, 1958-67. He served as President of the Birmingham Council on Human Relations, the only bi-racial community organization in Birmingham in the 1960's. He participated in demonstrations led by Martin Luther King in Birmingham in 1963 and in Selma in 1965. He led 72 participants in the Concerned White Citizens of Alabama demonstration in Selma on March 6, the day before Bloody Sunday, in solidarity with the voting rights movement. Dr. King chose him, along with 13 other pastors active in the 1965 demonstrations to meet with Alabama Governor George Wallace. He was also chosen to be part of a national group of 17 religious leaders to meet with President Lyndon B. Johnson in May, 1965, to urge passage of the Voting Rights Act. After the devastating 1963 dynamiting of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Ellwanger was asked by the parents of Denise McNair, one of the four girls tragically killed, to participate in leading the combined funeral service set for three of the girls.

Pastor of Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, 1967-2001, Ellwanger helped the congregation develop a refugee program, a youth-oriented ministry, and an ecumenical prison re-entry ministry called Project RETURN. He gave leadership to the forming of MICAHA, a congregation-based justice organizing group in Milwaukee, formed in 1988, and was President of MICAHA, 1995-97. Since retiring from parish ministry in January 2002, Ellwanger has worked as an organizer with WISDOM, the Gamaliel-affiliated group in Wisconsin that includes MICAHA and eight other affiliates.

Ellwanger has served the Board of Ezekiel Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization formed by MICAHA, ever since its inception in 1996. He has been president of the Ezekiel board since 2001. Ezekiel CDC built six affordable houses in 2000 and has built eight more between 2006 and 2008, all of them on the block bounded by N. 16th St. and N. 17th St., Walnut and Galena.

Along with his activism in the public sphere, Ellwanger carried out lively, productive ministries in Birmingham and in Milwaukee. He grew the congregation in Birmingham from 30 members to 300 members. He led the transformation of Cross Church in Milwaukee from a congregation that was over 95 per cent white and outer urban to become an 80 per cent black urban congregation with 700 members.