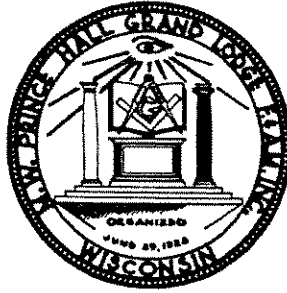


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September 15, 2006

Joe Davis, Alderman 2nd District
Chair Community Economic Development Committee
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200 East Wells Street, Room 205
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Dear Alderman Davis,

The Prince Hall Masonic Foundation/Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge is requesting \$10,000 as seed money to support the planning and development of the Plymouth Manor Nursing Home & Redevelopment Center located at 615 W. Walnut Street. Extencicare Health Services, Inc has generously agreed to donate this property to the Foundation for development of a new healthcare campus at this site. This will include a 50 bed skilled nursing facility along with other community living options and services.

The redevelopment of this location for healthcare services and other living arrangements for vulnerable populations is a much-needed resource in this location. In addition to the above benefits, it is expected to create 90-100 new jobs. This development will have a significant quality of life impact, as well as, a significant economic impact in Milwaukee's central city.

This is an opportunity to add strength and stability in our urban community. Redevelopment of the Plymouth Manor site will serve as an anchor for a renaissance in the heart of what has historically been the hub of the African American community in Milwaukee. The Foundation would like to thank you for your support with this exciting project.

Sincerely,

James E. Davis
Most Worshipful Grand Master

EXTENDICARE

Health Services, Inc.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 13, 2006

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Extendicare Health Services, Inc. to Close Local Facility and Donate to a Local Not-For-Profit

MILWAUKEE, WI – Extendicare Health Services, Inc. announced today its intent to close its operations at the Plymouth Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, located at 619 W. Walnut Street and to donate the facility to a not-for-profit group for development as a healthcare campus. The facility is almost 40 years old and in need of major and continuous capital improvements. This fact, combined with other operational concerns in an environment of changing resident needs, has resulted in the decision to close the facility. The operation of the Plymouth Manor facility has been a much needed resource for the community and all the parties involved are concerned about access to health care services for residents of the inner city of Milwaukee.

“The decision to close Plymouth Manor and relocate residents to other suitable facilities has not been an easy one. We have been working in collaboration with local and state officials to support the continuation of elderly health care services in this location. Extendicare will donate the building, property and tangible assets to a not-for-profit entity with a vision of developing a healthcare campus at this location. We have entered into a letter of intent with Prince Hall Masonic Foundation/Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, 600 West Walnut Street. The group plans to demolish the existing structure and develop a new healthcare campus at this site, including construction of a new 50-bed skilled nursing facility along with other community services. The donation of the property, building and tangible assets will make this vision much easier to achieve. Significant efforts and resources have been devoted for many years in an effort to make Plymouth Manor successful. The dedicated staff has worked very hard and they are to be commended for their efforts,” said Phil Small, President of Extendicare Health Services, Inc.

Plymouth Manor, a 63-bed skilled nursing facility, has been owned and operated by Extendicare Health Services, Inc. since 1981. There are currently 61 residents who are living at the facility and 91 employees.

Extendicare representatives and county officials will be working closely with facility personnel, residents and family members to find suitable living environments for each resident over the course of the next few months. It is anticipated that all of the residents will find alternative placements by the end of January 2007.

"Our staff, along with county and state officials, will make every effort to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for all involved, especially residents and their families," said Phil Small. "We will also work with the State's Department of Workforce Development and local officials to provide job placement assistance for Plymouth Manor employees."