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Pontiac/Clarkston

Lighthouse PATH  
Transitional Housing

Lighthouse Community Development  
Unity Park

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is indeed my pleasure to write this letter of support for the Burton/Katzman company. This fine company and one of its principal owners Peter Burton have been involved with our agency and its programs for nearly thirteen years. Their involvement with Lighthouse and neighborhood revitalization in the City of Pontiac began in 1988 when Mr. Burton's company helped to purchase an abandoned four story apartment building in Pontiac and raise the funding necessary to completely rehabilitate this structure to house homeless women and children. A number of residential structures around the apartment house were also purchased and rehabilitated, creating a campus of twenty-six units for women and children who are rebuilding their lives.

Most recently, Mr. Burton played a leadership role in preparing a comprehensive revitalization plan for the target neighborhood (called Unity Park) for Lighthouse revitalization efforts in the City of Pontiac. This plan has led to the construction of more than twenty new homes in Unity Park and the purchase and rehabilitation of five existing homes. In addition, the plan has helped Lighthouse obtain a \$677,000 NPP grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Finally, the plan is helping Lighthouse in its efforts to obtain a \$2,000,000 special congressional allocation to construct affordable housing in the Unity Park neighborhood.

None of these efforts could have succeeded without the leadership and caring from the Burton/Katzman company. They have mastered the technique of operating a honorable and successful business and still finding the time and money to give back to low-income families. I would highly recommend Burton/Katzman for any project that you are considering, knowing with complete confidence that their relationship with you will be honest and businesslike. Please do not hesitate to call me at 248/920/6060, Extension 2110 if you would like additional information.

Respectfully,



Thomas Stowell  
Chief Operations Officer