

December 26, 2023,

To Whom It May Concern,

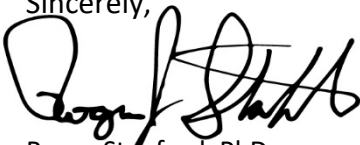
I am writing to submit support on behalf of Western Technical College for the future development of local housing in the downtown area between partners Special People Board, Couleecap, Inc., and Gerrard Corporation. The Haven for Special People on Main Street focuses on mixed housing for community members with and without disabilities. We also like the concept of integrating the population into a modern, accessible facility. Creating a community for this population to live and serve in the region is valued by Western.

I went to an information session at Citizens State Bank on December 18th. I was happy to see that the design was transparent and that they were making a long-term financial arrangement with Gerrard and Couleecap to make a complex project possible. I was pleased to hear that the facility would be built with sustainability and safety in mind, which is important to us as neighbors at Western.

At Western, our work is to provide opportunities to improve the lives of our students and our community. This investment in our community will be a win-win for all. Community businesses can hire the needed employees to do meaningful work. And those employees will be able to grow and live independently in our community.

Western supports the development of the Haven for Special People and looks forward to improving the lives of those in our community.

Sincerely,



Roger Stanford, PhD  
President