



Community Hand-UP
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Dear _____

Your patient has asked me to write this letter encouraging your support of the effort to reopen the facility known as 'The W' at Sawyer. The W plays an important role on the health of your patient and 100's of youth, adults, seniors, and people with disability or chronic medical conditions throughout Marquette, Delta, and Alger Counties, and even further. The W provided a major resource for safe healthy activity and a significant impact on their ability to maintain healthy activity. Now, since the facility closed your patient has noticed significant decline in health maintenance due to the loss of this invaluable resource.

Because we recognize the importance of the facility on our communities; including Marquette, Delta, and Alger Counties, and even further; Community Hand-UP is actively pursuing its reopening through business planning, establishment of non-profit status, fundraising, and pursuit of large funding opportunities.

As part of our fundraising efforts, we believe it is important that individual physicians and practice groups, participate with individual community members in support of this invaluable resource. We have commitments of support from many individuals because they recognize the importance of this amazing facility in an area where no other similar resources exist. We believe it's important at this time that physician's, practices and larger area businesses join us in this effort to re-open and maintain the facility for the health of this community. We hope that as a community member, whether an individual or a business, you recognize the impact this facility has on the 'tri-county community' and beyond. We are suggesting a contribution from physician groups and larger businesses in the amount of \$5000 – 10,000 in support of this facility that has such a great impact on such a wide-reaching area, although contributions in any amount are greatly appreciated.

We would like to move forward as soon as possible to resume the services previously provided to meet the needs of area youth and adults of all ages and abilities. Many 'old' services and programs along with many new opportunities and collaborative efforts are waiting for the facility to be reopened. Please join us in again making this amazing facility available to our community now and long into the future.

If you're not familiar with the facility please see the included fact sheet to see what a 'gem' we have located right here in our community. If you would like to see the facility, please call to arrange a time to walk through and see what it has to offer.

As a Michigan non-profit business and 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation, contributions to Community Hand-UP are not only a great outreach and community benefit for your physician practice, but also a tax-deductible donation.

To make your tax-deductible contribution, please return the enclosed contribution form along with your check made payable to **Community Hand-UP** P.O. Box 106 Skandia MI 49885.

Sincerely,

Lisa Johnson, President
Community Hand-UP