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Subject: Harrow Community Pantry

Hi Sherry and Doug,

I am writing you as Chairperson of Project HOPE Windsor Essex, a not for profit organization that **helps** others by **providing** essentials. You can visit our website for more information at projecthopewindsor.essex.com.

This year, our organization's focus is on establishing a community pantry in Harrow as a pilot project. A community pantry is a small, accessible structure where goods are stored and donated by community members. While community pantries are certainly helpful for underprivileged individuals, they also build community and can be used by anyone (without registration, etc.). We believe ours will be the first of its kind.

We are hoping to build a fully insulated 100 sq. ft. structure that has the aesthetic of a tiny home (see attached renderings). It will house a refrigerator and shelving. It will be temperature controlled (space heater in the cold months, window AC unit in the hot months). It will store perishable and non-perishable goods, as well as toiletries, and hats, gloves, and scarves (essentials). The Pantry will have rules posted including those such as: only new items may be donated, expired items may not be donated, clothing donations are not permitted, etc. The Pantry would be monitored through use of a camera, and checked regularly by the Project HOPE directors. It will also be cleaned and maintained by our directors. The structure itself will be movable - it will be built in such a way where it can be moved using a forklift. Our hope is to include community partners and to recognize them as sponsors of the project. We would like to have the structure built, fully stocked, and functioning this fall. We will be campaigning for community partnerships, monetary donations, and donation of items with the goal of a "grand opening" revealing a completed, fully stocked pantry.

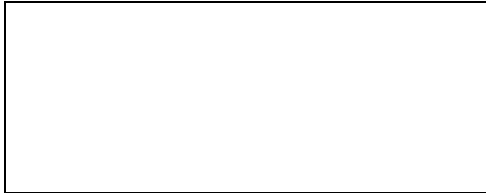
We are hoping that this project will be successful and that eventually each community in our region will have one. This is why it is a pilot project.

So, what do we need from you? We are hoping you will allow us to put the Community Pantry on public property. We would need a location that has accessible power hookups. We are willing to pay for our power consumption (it will be minimal), but would be grateful for any possibility of contributions from the town as well. We are open to your suggestions for locations and are hopeful you will partner with us in making this project a reality. We want our town to be a place where no one goes without, and where we help one another to grow and live healthy lifestyles.

We are eager to work with the Town of Essex, and to get to work on Harrow's Community Pantry.

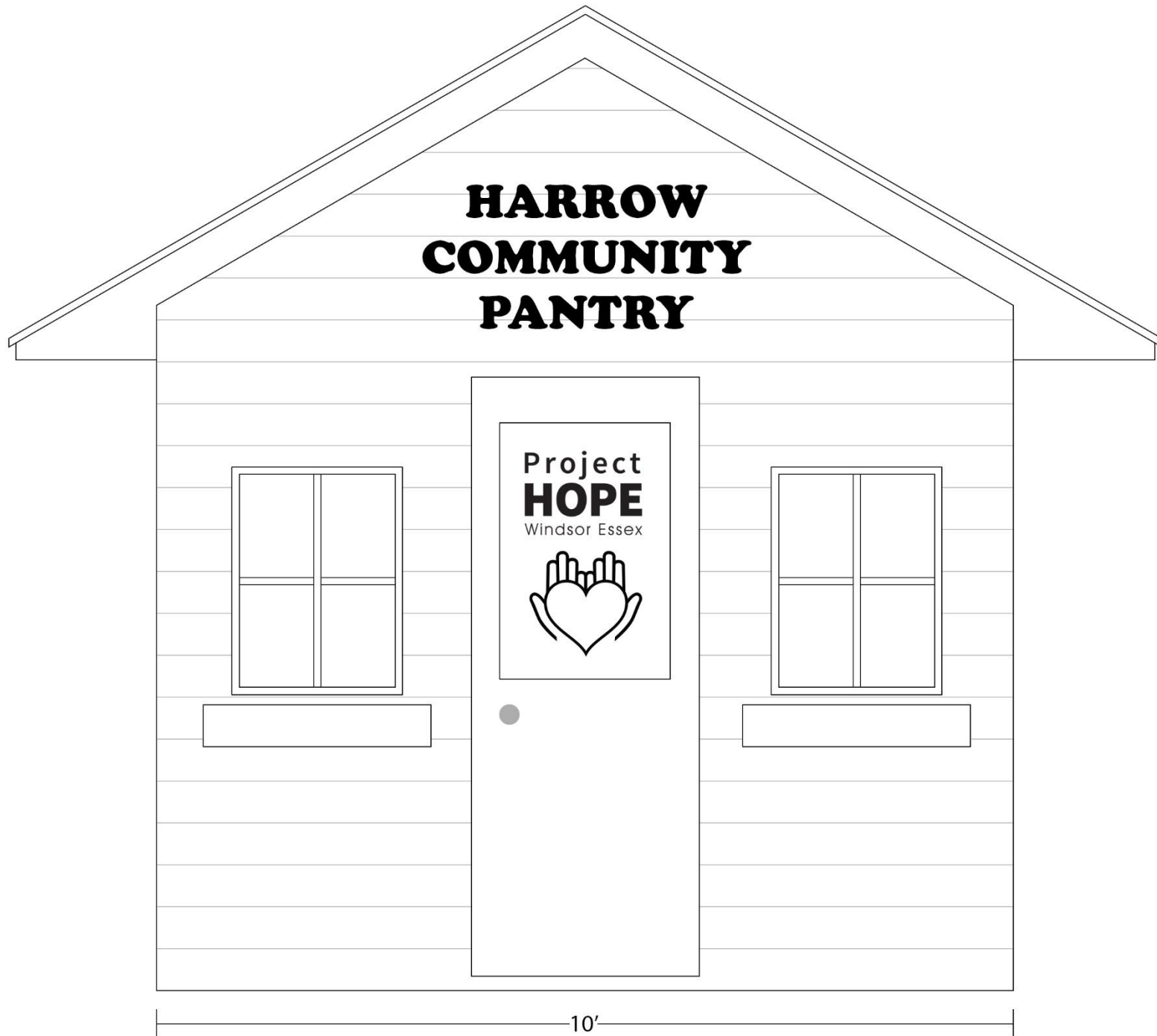
Thank you for your time and consideration,

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