



Everybody's Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

September 14, 2018

Dear Friends of Everybody's Church and Rejoicing Spirits,

We hope you have had a good summer. As you probably know, our church has been committed to "serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community." We are reaching out to you because you or a loved one with a disability has been associated with us in some way. We want to extend an invitation to you for your consideration to the attached workshop on Saturday, October 20th. The focus of this morning will be on housing solutions for individuals with disabilities.

With a grant from the Detroit Presbytery, we are partnering with Angels' Place to host this informational meeting and discussion for families who are in the planning stages of determining and defining the best housing options for their loved ones.

We have invited the Center for Independent Futures out of Illinois to speak about the process they have designed, trained and guided families on across the nation on how to become co-creators of housing options for their loved ones that are sustainable, inclusive and perhaps, innovative; believing that families and friends are often the best place to start and that developing "community partnerships" and networks of support are a critical component of individual success.

We have also invited representation from Three Oaks Communities, a new and inclusive residential development community, building neighborhoods through new home construction in Saline and Westland, with future plans to develop in Rochester, to take a moment to share their vision.

So, if you are interested in exploring and learning more about the strategies the Center of Independent Futures is helping families to have more diverse and inclusive futures, please feel free to join us on October 20, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

Together we will learn more.

Seating is limited so please register in advance.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone that you think would benefit from attending this informational discussion.

Sincerely,

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