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October 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

In January 2009, the City of Huntington, WV was awarded a "Weed and Seed" grant from the US Department of Justice. Throughout the grant writing process, grant award and course of the City's Weed and Seed program, Huntington Area Habitat for Humanity (HAHFH) has fully supported this effort. This support includes being a member of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee and Supportive Services Sub-committee.

In May 2009, I approached the HAHFH Board of Directors about donating the use of a parcel of property located at 1016 Minton Street, Huntington to the Huntington Community Gardens (HGC) project as the site for a children's flower and herb garden. This lot had been in the HAHFH property inventory since December 2006 and was not of an adequate size to allow for house construction to occur. In a unanimous vote, the HAHFH Board of Directors approved the use of this parcel of property by the HGC. Typically, Habitat relies on the support of our community to further our housing ministry. This step is yet another way for Habitat to give back to our community by partnering with the HGC, residents of the community and the Weed and Seed program.

Today, I am very pleased with the outcome of our participation with the HGC. The parcel of property looks great thanks to the hard work of the folks associated with the HGC and the residents, in particular the youth, of the neighborhood. The volunteer "staff" of the HGC have done a fantastic job at creating a positive influence in our community. Their dedication, passion and efforts to better our community are quite impressive. The expansion of the HGC program throughout our community is much needed and I support this effort completely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David L. Michael".

David L. Michael
Executive Director/CEO