

## **Capital Request Testimony – Arilds Home**

Good afternoon, Co-Chairs. For the record, my name is Tiffani Olsen and I am the director of Shangri-La's residential department that serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **We are a nonprofit organization supporting the I/DD community in this area for over 60 years.**

I'm here today to ask for your support in funding the full remodel of our Arilds Home in Marion County; a 24-hour residential program that serves up to five individuals with significant support needs. This is Shangri-La's first community program, so it is deeply rooted in our history. Due to years of wear and tear from time, mobility equipment, and serving people with changing medical needs, the home is no longer safe or accessible. State rates don't cover major renovations like this, but we believe everyone deserves to live in a home that is dignified and functional.

**It is important to note that we're shovel ready.** The design work is complete, and we're gathering bids now. Construction could start this summer! We would love any help we can get but understand this is a lot of money. **We do have some operational reserves we could use if the building is partially funded.** We're offering a 10% match—\$93,500 from our own operational savings because this is important and we're committed to making this happen. Additionally, once the start-up costs are covered, we will be able to sustain operational levels of funding based on State & Medicaid funding. Once operational, this home costs approximately \$800,000 annually to operate.

Once remodeled, Arilds will allow us to expand services to 4–5 additional people, helping address the critical need for housing for individuals with I/DD in Marion County.

Thank you for considering our request. **This investment is about more than a building—it's about giving people a safe and stable home.**