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Dear Franklin Tomorrow Award Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider our exemplary volunteer, Mr. Tommy Sanders, for a Volunteer Spirit Award. We feel Mr. Sanders has exceeded the qualities and requirements of an excellent volunteer.

Our non-profit organization, Community Housing Partnership of Williamson County (CHP), is in the process of creating a second group home for women who are transitioning out of the prison system and reentering our community. We have partnered with the Oak Cottage for Women to accomplish this mission. It was through this partnership that we were introduced to Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Sanders is a retired general contractor, who has generously offered his time and expertise to take the lead on the demolition, framing, and insulation of the group home. Mr. Sanders has even acted in the role of project manager. Mr. Sanders has led a team of highly qualified volunteers. Since our acquisition of the property at the end of June, Mr. Sanders and his team have quite literally worked part-time, Monday through Friday, on completely demoing the house, rebuilding structural features, reframing to meet the needs of the social service tenants, and installing insulation, doors, sub-flooring, along with countless other tasks. Although we do not formally log volunteer hours, we are certain that he has donated over 250 hours of his time.

When materials and bids were needed, Mr. Sanders also spent time working with sub-contractors. Furthermore, Mr. Sanders has utilized his professional relationships with contractors in the area to secure major donations to our project, including the rough-in plumbing, the plumbing materials, and the new HVAC system labor and materials.

The financial value of his labor and time is indescribable. We would not have been able to accomplish the full extent of the needed rehabilitation without the donation of his time. Moreover, we are incredibly grateful for his positive attitude and passion for this mission. He has acted as a spokesperson and has been able to foster community support for the project. We are beyond thankful the relationship he has built with our organization, and we look forward to opportunities to work with him in the future. We believe he deserves every accolade, and we greatly appreciate your consideration.

