

December 10, 2010

Claude A. Goodman  
CareWheels Corporation  
2996 Dellwood Drive  
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Dear Mr. Goodman,

I am writing to offer my support for the CareWheels proposal to develop a demonstration project that will connect in-home monitoring with community time banking to provide new services to help fill the growing gaps in social services caused by the recession-driven state budget deficit. Clackamas County is home to a rapidly growing population of senior citizens whose health, wellbeing and quality of life could benefit from new service models that empower seniors with technologies to age-in-place with help from peer-based support networks.

Clackamas County Social Services serves thousands clients a year, providing planning, coordination, advocacy, and funding for programs serving low-income families, older adults, and adults with disabilities. We participate in and support a community network of services which include senior centers and nonprofit organizations. Our engAGE in Community initiative is a community-based action research project with the mission of establishing Clackamas County as an age-friendly place that supports the ability of people to age actively and successfully in their home or community of choice. Key elements include health care management and prevention programs, job opportunities, education, and volunteer opportunities that may benefit from the successful combination of in-home monitoring and time banking being developed by CareWheels.

I wish you success with the Lake Oswego Value Exchange project, understanding that the methods you develop in this demonstration may have broader applications that reach beyond Lake Oswego into our county and state.

Best regards,



Brenda Durbin, Director  
Clackamas County Social Services