

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

**425 Cherry Street  
Bedford Hills, New York 10507**

**Tuesday  
September 9, 2014  
8:00 PM**

**Public Hearing:**

**Community Residential Home Proposal**

**Section 49.14 Block 1 Lot 13, R-½ A**

**4 Old Mill Lane, Katonah**

**Owners: Carlos and Rosanne Geniso**

**Applicant: Cardinal McCloskey Community Services**

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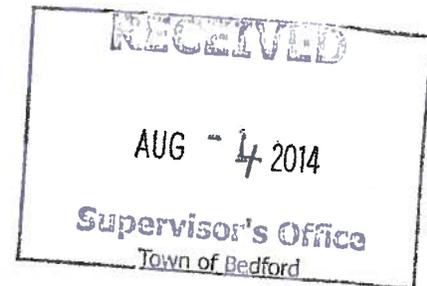


Cardinal McCloskey  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

OFFICIAL NOTICE

August 4, 2014

The Honorable Chris Burdick  
Bedford Town Supervisor  
321 Bedford Rd.  
Bedford Hills, NY 10507



Re: Establishing a new Community Residential Home  
Located: 4 Old Mill Lane, Katonah, NY 10507

Dear Supervisor Burdick:

Pursuant to Section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law of the State of New York, this letter shall serve as formal notification of the intent of Cardinal McCloskey Community Services to establish a community residential home to be located at 4 Old Mill Lane, Katonah, New York. This will be a home for four (4) young adults with developmental disabilities.

Cardinal McCloskey Community Services is a voluntary not-for-profit organization that operates under the licensure of the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). Our business office is located at 115 East Stevens Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10595. We provide residential and day services, service coordination and other support services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and autism in Westchester and Rockland counties, and the Bronx.

A site assessment of the 4 Old Mill Lane property has been conducted to determine its' suitability to meet the needs of the individuals and the Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) requirements. It has been found that this residence meets the needs as a good community living environment for people that OPWDD has asked us to support. The attached fact sheet outlines the basic plan for the proposed site and the community support requirements. This home is being established as a single family residence for four (4) individuals who are aging out of residential schools and have no place to live beginning in the fall 2014.

Enclosed please find a printout of the recent Social Services directory listing residential and institutional facilities in Bedford, New York. We have been advised by the OPWDD development office that the area

surrounding the site is not saturated for our type of facility and they will support our efforts financially and otherwise to insure that this house is compliant with current building codes.

I look forward to working closely with you and the Board to develop this high quality residence as we have done in the past. The people in the care of Cardinal McCloskey Community Services are very important to us, and we look forward to continuing to be good neighbors in the Bedford community. Our intention is to provide a home and living environment for four (4) individuals that enables each person to become more independent and an integral part of the community. We plan to be an asset to the community, and as we have in the past, we intend to make every effort to employ residents from the Bedford area to work in our home.

Under the statute the municipality can respond in one of three ways:

1. Support the site recommended by the sponsoring agency (Cardinal McCloskey Community Services).
2. Suggest one or more alternate suitable sites within the jurisdiction, which could accommodate such a home.
3. Object to the establishment of a facility of the kind described by the sponsoring agency (Cardinal McCloskey Community Services), because to do so would result in such a concentration of community residential facilities for the developmentally disabled in the municipality or in the area in proximity to the site selected or a combination of such facilities licensed by other agencies of state government, that the nature and character of the areas within the municipality would be substantially altered.

If the municipality (Town of Bedford) does not respond within forty (40) days, the sponsoring agency (Cardinal McCloskey Community Services) may establish a community residence at the site recommended in this notice.

I will be happy to meet with you and the members of the Town Board at your earliest convenience if there is any additional information that you require. The statute 41.34 requires a decision from you within forty (40) days of receipt of this letter, and I will comply with your requests in a timely manner.

Please contact me at (914) 997 – 8000 extension 115 or via-email at [bfinnerty@cmcs.org](mailto:bfinnerty@cmcs.org). Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Beth Finnerty  
President and Chief Executive Officer

- cc. The Honorable George Latimer, New York State Senator  
The Honorable David Buchwald, New York State Assemblyman  
The Honorable Robert Astorino, Westchester County Executive  
Joan Volpe, OPWDD, Director Region 3  
Mary Newhard, OPWDD, Deputy Director Region 3  
Ira Rothenstein, OPWDD, Team Leader, Region 3, Hudson Valley DDRO

**Attachments Encl.:**

- a. Social Service Directory/City of New Rochelle
- b. NY Mental Hygiene Law 41.34
- c. Fact Sheet 4 Old Mill Lane, Katonah, NY 10507

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7

SUMMIT AVENUE COMMUNITY RESIDENCE  
15 SUMMIT AVE  
NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10807

FACILITY ID: 00017184  
CAPACITY: 0009 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE -

GROUP SERVED: AGE: SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SPONSOR: FAMILY SVCS OF WESTCHESTER, INC.  
ONE GATEWAY PLAZA  
4TH FLOOR, PORT CHESTER TEL.

SPONSORSHIP:

TYPE: PROPRIETARY HOME FOR ADULTS  
SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.

SUMMIT AVENUE CR  
15 SUMMIT AVE  
NEW ROCHELLE 10801

FACILITY ID: 00017351  
CAPACITY: SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE -

GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-99 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY DISABLED

LICENSING AGENCY: OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SPONSOR: FAMILY SVCS OF WESTCHESTER, INC  
15 SUMMIT AVE  
NEW ROCHELLE TEL.

SPONSORSHIP:

TYPE: SUPERVISED COMMUNITY RESIDENCE  
SERVICES: RESIDENTIAL/ADL

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: ARDSLEY VILL OF HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7

ARDSLEY HOUSE ICF  
2 SYLVIA LANE  
ARDSLEY 10502

FACILITY ID: 00011617  
CAPACITY: 0006 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 660405

GROUP SERVED: AGE: 00-99 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB  
SPONSOR: ST. AGATHA'S HOME OF THE NEW YOR K FOUNDLING HOSPITAL, INC.  
135 COVENT ROAD  
NANUET NEW YORK

SPONSORSHIP: NDT-FOR-PROFIT ADL

TYPE: COMMUNITY-BASED ICF/DD  
SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV. COUNSELING  
MEDICAL

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: ARDSLEY VILLAGE OF HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7

LINCOLN REST HOME  
12 LINCOLN AVE  
ARDSLEY 10502

FACILITY ID: 0800F125  
CAPACITY: 0023 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 660405

GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-99 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: DEPENDENT ADUL

LICENSING AGENCY: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SPONSOR: NENITA POLINTAN

SPONSORSHIP: PROPRIETARY

TYPE: PROPRIETARY HOME FOR ADULTS  
SERVICES: CONGREGATE CARE  
PERSONAL CARE/SUPV.

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313 TODD ROAD IRA  
313 TODD ROAD  
KATONAH 10536  
FACILITY ID: 00013111  
CAPACITY: 0005 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 662402  
01 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-61 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: INDIV RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE (IRA)  
SPONSOR:  
COMMUNITY LIVING CORPORATION SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
105 SOUTH BEDFORD ROAD  
MT. KISCO TEL. (914)241-2527 SPONSORSHIP: NOT-FOR-PROFIT

34 MOSEMAN AVENUE IRA  
34 MOSEMAN AVENUE  
KATONAH 10536  
FACILITY ID: 00015752  
CAPACITY: 0008 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE -  
01 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 00-99 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: INDIV RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE (IRA)  
SPONSOR:  
COMMUNITY LIVING CORPORATION SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
105 SOUTH BEDFORD ROAD  
MT. KISCO TEL. (914)241-2527 SPONSORSHIP:

KATONAH ICF  
71 GREENVILLE ROAD  
KATONAH 10536  
FACILITY ID: 00011727  
CAPACITY: 0008 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 660101  
GROUP SERVED: AGE: 00-99 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: COMMUNITY-BASED ICF/DD  
SPONSOR:  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY NYS ARC INC SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV. COUNSELING  
74 WESTMORELAND AVENUE MEDICAL  
WHITE PLAINS NEW YORK TEL. 914 428 8330 SPONSORSHIP: PUBLIC ADL

170 GREEN LANE IRA  
170 GREEN LANE  
BEDFORD HILLS 10506  
FACILITY ID: 00005595  
CAPACITY: 0008 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 661401  
01 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-61 SEX: M/F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: INDIV RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE (IRA)  
SPONSOR:  
INSTITUTES OF APPLIED HUMAN DYNA SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
32 WARREN AVENUE  
TARRYTOWN TEL. (914)220-4333 SPONSORSHIP: NOT-FOR-PROFIT

BEDFORD RESIDENCE I  
289 OLD POST ROAD  
BEDFORD 10506  
FACILITY ID: 00008008  
CAPACITY: 0007 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 660102  
GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-99 SEX: F  
PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: COMMUNITY-BASED ICF/DD  
SPONSOR:  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY ARC SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
74 WESTMORELAND AVENUE ADL  
WHITE PLAINS NY 10606 TEL. 914-428-8330 SPONSORSHIP: NOT-FOR-PROFIT COUNSELING

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: BEDFORD TOWN OF HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7  
BEDFORD RESIDENCE II  
287 OLD POST ROAD 10506 FACILITY ID: 0008007 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-99 SEX: M  
BEDFORD PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV  
CAPACITY: 0007 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 660102

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: COMMUNITY-BASED ICF/DD  
SPONSOR: WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER NYS ARC INC SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
74 WESTMORELAND AVENUE ADL  
WHITE PLAINS NY 10606 TEL. 914-428-8330 SPONSORSHIP: NOT-FOR-PROFIT COUNSELING

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: BRIARCLIFF MANOR VILL OF HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7  
BRIARCLIFF ICF  
ROUTE 9 FACILITY ID: 00011421 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 00-99 SEX: M/F  
BRIARCLIFF MANOR 10510 CAPACITY: 0010 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 661402 PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: COMMUNITY-BASED ICF/DD  
SPONSOR: WESTCHESTER DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV. COUNSELING  
580 WHITE PLAINS ROAD MEDICAL  
TARRYTOWN NEW YORK 10591 TEL. SPONSORSHIP: NOT-FOR-PROFIT ADL

SLEEPY HOLLOW HFA  
620 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD FACILITY ID: 0800F037 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-99 SEX: M/F  
BRIARCLIFF MANOR 10510 CAPACITY: 0048 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 661402 PERSONS SERVED: DEPENDENT ADULT

LICENSING AGENCY: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TYPE: PROPRIETARY HOME FOR ADULTS  
SPONSOR: AUDRE GOLDFEDER SERVICES: CONGREGATE CARE  
PERSONAL CARE/SUPV.  
TEL. (914) 941-7507 SPONSORSHIP: PROPRIETARY

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: BRIARCLIFF MANOR VILLAGE 0 HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7  
WILLOW DRIVE I INTERMEDIATE CARE/FACILITY  
129 WILLOW DRIVE FACILITY ID: 00013127 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 00-99 SEX: M/F  
BRIARCLIFF MANOR 10510 CAPACITY: 0010 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 661402 PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: COMMUNITY-BASED ICF/DD  
SPONSOR: COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES INC SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
P O BOX 59 MEDICAL  
PURDYS NY 10578 TEL. SPONSORSHIP: NOT-FOR-PROFIT COUNSELING

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COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: BRIARCLIFF MANOR VLG OF HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7  
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BRANDYWINE NURSING HOME INC F  
620 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD FACILITY ID: 5931300N GROUP SERVED: AGE: 16-99 SEX: M/F  
BRIARCLIFF MANOR 10510 CAPACITY: 0131 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE - 661402 PERSONS SERVED: NURSING CARE REQUIRE

LICENSING AGENCY: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TYPE: NURSING HOME  
SPONSOR: SERVICES: SKILLED NURSING CARE  
BRANDYWINE NURSING HOME INC ACTIVITIES PROGRAM  
620 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD  
BRIARCLIFF MANOR NY 10510 TEL. (914) 941-5100 SPONSORSHIP: PROPRIETARY

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF MT. VERNON HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7  
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111 NORTH 3RD AVENUE ICF O1 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 18-61 SEX: M/F  
111 NORTH 3RD AVENUE FACILITY ID: 00016059 PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV  
APTS 1K, 1L&1M, MT. VERNON 10550CAPACITY: 0010 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE -

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: INSTITUTION  
SPONSOR: SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
JEWISH BOARD OF FAMILY&CHILDREN SERVICES, INC.  
120 WEST 57TH ST  
7TH FLR NEW YORK TEL. (212)582-9100 SPONSORSHIP:

COUNTY: WESTCHESTER MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF PEEKSKILL HEALTH SERVICE AREA: 7  
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143 RED MILL ROAD IRA O1 GROUP SERVED: AGE: 00-99 SEX: M/F  
143 RED MILL ROAD FACILITY ID: 00016071 PERSONS SERVED: MENTALLY RETARDED/DV  
COURTLANDT, MANOR 10566 CAPACITY: 0007 SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE -

LICENSING AGENCY: OFF OF MENTAL RETARDATION & DEVEL DISAB TYPE: INDIV RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE (IRA)  
SPONSOR: SERVICES: RESID./HABILIT. SERV.  
ABBOTT HOUSE  
100 NORTH BROADWAY  
IRVINGTON-HUDSON TEL. (914)591-7300 SPONSORSHIP:

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## **N.Y. Mental Hygiene Law 41.34 - Site selection of community residential facilities**



## **Mental Health**

### **N.Y. Mental Hygiene Law 41.34 - Site selection of community residential facilities**

*New York Laws > Mental Hygiene > Title E > Article 41 > § 41.34.  
Site selection of community residential facilities*

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*2008 version*

§ 41.34 Site selection of community residential facilities.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Community residential facility for the disabled" means a supportive living facility with four to fourteen residents or a supervised living facility subject to licensure by the office of mental health or the office for people with developmental disabilities which provides a residence for up to fourteen individuals with mental disabilities, including residential treatment facilities for children and youth.

(2) "Sponsoring agency" means an agency or unit of government, a voluntary agency or any other person or organization which intends to establish or operate a community residential facility for the disabled.

(3) "Municipality" means an incorporated village if a facility is to be located therein, a town if the facility is to be located therein and not simultaneously within an incorporated village, or a city, except that in the city of New York, the community board with jurisdiction over the area in which such a facility is to be located shall be considered the municipality.

(4) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the office of the department responsible for issuance of license and operating certificate to the proposed community residential facility.

(b) If a sponsoring agency intends to establish a residential facility for the disabled within a municipality but does not have a specific site selected, it may notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in writing of its intentions and include in such notice a description of the nature, size and community support requirements of the program. Provided, however, nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the proposed establishment of a site pursuant to subdivision (c) of this section.

(c) (1) When a site has been selected by the sponsoring agency, it shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in writing and include in such notice the specific address of the site, the type of community residence, the number of residents and the community support requirements of the program. Such notice shall also contain the most recently published data compiled pursuant to section four hundred sixty-three of the social services law which can reasonably be expected to permit the municipality to evaluate all such facilities affecting the nature and character of the area wherein such proposed facility is to be located. The municipality shall have forty days after the receipt of such notice to:

(A) approve the site recommended by the sponsoring agency;

(B) suggest one or more suitable sites within its jurisdiction which

could accommodate such a facility; or

(C) object to the establishment of a facility of the kind described by the sponsoring agency because to do so would result in such a concentration of community residential facilities for the mentally disabled in the municipality or in the area in proximity to the site selected or a combination of such facilities with other community residences or similar facilities licensed by other agencies of state government, including all community residences, intermediate care facilities, residential care facilities for adults and residential treatment facilities for individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities operated pursuant to article sixteen or article thirty-one of this chapter and all similar residential facilities of fourteen or less residents operated or licensed by another state agency, that the nature and character of the areas within the municipality would be substantially altered.

Such response shall be forwarded to the sponsoring agency and the commissioner. If the municipality does not respond within forty days, the sponsoring agency may establish a community residence at a site recommended in its notice.

(2) Prior to forwarding a response to the sponsoring agency and the commissioner, the municipality may hold a public hearing pursuant to local law.

(3) If the municipality approves the site recommended by the sponsoring agency, the sponsoring agency shall seek to establish the facility at the approved site.

(4) If the site or sites suggested by the municipality are satisfactory with regard to the nature, size and community support requirements of the program of the proposed facility and the area in which such site or sites are located does not already include an excessive number of community residential facilities for the mentally disabled or similar

facilities licensed by other state agencies, the sponsoring agency shall seek to establish its facility at one of the sites designated by the municipality.

If the municipality suggests a site or sites which are not satisfactory to the sponsoring agency, the agency shall so notify the municipality which shall have fifteen days to suggest an alternative site or sites for the proposed community residential facility.

(5) In the event the municipality objects to establishment of a facility in the municipality because to do so would result in such a concentration of community residential facilities for persons with mental disabilities or combination of such facilities and other facilities licensed by other state agencies that the nature and character of areas within the municipality would be substantially altered; or the sponsoring agency objects to the establishment of a facility in the area or areas suggested by the municipality; or in the event that the municipality and sponsoring agency cannot agree upon a site, either the sponsoring agency or the municipality may request an immediate hearing before the commissioner to resolve the issue. The commissioner shall personally or by a hearing officer conduct such a hearing within fifteen days of such a request.

In reviewing any such objections, the need for such facilities in the municipality shall be considered as shall the existing concentration of such facilities and other similar facilities licensed by other state agencies in the municipality or in the area in proximity to the site selected and any other facilities in the municipality or in the area in proximity to the site selected providing residential services to a significant number of persons who have formerly received in-patient mental health services in facilities of the office of mental health or the office for people with developmental disabilities. The commissioner shall sustain the objection if he determines that the nature and character of the area in which the facility is to be based would be substantially altered as a result of establishment of the facility. The

commissioner shall make a determination within thirty days of the hearing.

(d) Review of a decision rendered by a commissioner pursuant to this section may be had in a proceeding pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules commenced within thirty days of the determination of the commissioner.

(e) (1) A licensing authority shall not issue an operating certificate to a sponsoring agency for operation of a facility if the sponsoring agency does not notify the municipality of its intention to establish a program as required by subdivision (c) of this section. Any operating certificate issued without compliance with the provisions of this

section shall be considered null and void and continued operation of the facility may be enjoined.

(2) The office of mental health and the office for people with developmental disabilities shall not issue an operating certificate for the operation of a supportive living facility or a supervised living facility of more than fourteen residents if the agency or unit of government, voluntary agency or any other person or organization which intends to establish or operate such a facility does not notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which that facility is to be established in writing of the intention to establish such facility and include in such notice the specific address of the site, the type of residence, the number of residents and the community support requirements of the program; provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall either be construed to require facilities of more than fourteen beds to meet any other requirement of this section, or to deem such facilities family units for the purposes of local laws and ordinances.

(f) A community residence established pursuant to this section and family care homes shall be deemed a family unit, for the purposes of local laws and ordinances.

**Fact Sheet****Cardinal McCloskey Community Services  
4 Old Mill Lane, Katonah, NY**

**Sponsoring Agency:** Cardinal McCloskey Community Services  
115 East Stevens Avenue  
Valhalla, NY 10595

**Contact Persons:** Beth Finnerty, President and CEO  
William Ursillo Ph. D., COO

Cardinal McCloskey Community Services (CMCS) is establishing a home for four young men who are aging out of residential schools. Together with the individuals and their families, CMCS believes 4 Old Mill Lane in Katonah is an ideal setting for this home. We would be pleased to be part of Bedford, a town that appreciates and fosters a community of diversity and tolerance.

**Site / Area Information:**

The home is a single family, 4 bedroom colonial. It is spacious enough for four young men and support staff. It is expected to comply with all Federal and New York State regulations and building codes. A fire alarm system would be installed.

**Program Information:**

The house at 4 Old Mill Lane would be home to four young adults, all male, who are aging out of their residential schools. The home would be an IRA (Individualized Residential Alternative) under New York's Medicaid Waiver. Supports and services include assistance as needed in areas of independent living, medical services, and recreation and leisure. Community inclusion is also encouraged and supported. Supports and supervision are provided on an individual basis. The residents would also participate in a work or pre-vocational-type setting during the day.

**Community Support:**

To ensure the individuals receive supports as needed, the location of the home is selected with consideration for proximity and accessibility to community services, such as recreational and cultural opportunities, shopping facilities, medical facilities, religious services, and public transportation.

**Support Staff:**

Each team member is screened, and a criminal background check is conducted, as required by the Justice Center and OPWDD (Office for People With Developmental Disabilities). All team members will receive comprehensive training in the area of developmental disabilities as well as individualized training specific to those being served.

**Community Relations:**

Cardinal McCloskey Community Services takes pride in being good neighbors, as we are for all our homes throughout the county. We have established friendly and supportive relationships with our neighbors and local communities.

This information is intended to provide a brief overview. We can provide more details as requested.