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Dear Members of the Grant Committee,

I am writing to offer my full support for Heather's Foundation and its mission to provide critical mental and behavioral health services for area youth. The proposed facility will be constructed in Lake County, Colorado. As both a physician and the Mayor of Leadville, the county seat of Lake County, I have witnessed firsthand the growing need for accessible, high-quality mental health care, particularly for our young people in crisis. The services provided by Heather's Foundation would be a vital resource for our community and for our state.

The organization's commitment to offering immediate, compassionate, and holistic care to young individuals facing mental health challenges, including those at risk of suicide, cannot be overstated. In our state, behavioral health services, particularly those providing inpatient care, are in short supply. By creating a secure and therapeutic environment locally, Heather's Foundation will provide a lifeline to youth who would otherwise be transported long distances for care—often at a time of great vulnerability. This option would ensure that youth and their families can access healing and support when it is needed most, without the added stress of distance and disruption.

As a physician, I understand the importance of timely intervention and the significant positive impact that early mental health care can have on an individual's life. I am confident that Heather's Foundation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the young people of Lake County and the surrounding area. The local sanctuary they are establishing will be a critical resource that will help our state thrive and overcome some of the most challenging issues facing our youth today.

I strongly encourage the committee to support Heather's Foundation in their application for funding, and I look forward to the positive impact this organization will continue to have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dana Greene'.

Dana Greene  
Mayor, City of Leadville