To the Planning Board, Please see the email from Lisa MacFarlane below.

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Subject: Support for AIR's Conditional Use Application

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Dear Mr. Behrendt,

I am a resident of Durham (6 Sullivan Falls Road) and I write in support of the conditional use application submitted by Arts In Reach (AIR) for the use of 81 Dover Road as a Community Center.

Durham has long had excellent sports programs. As an educator and a parent of children who profoundly benefitted from arts organizations during their childhood, I think Durham should support the arts as well, and especially organizations like AIR that have as their mission to support the healthy development and well-being of young people in our community.

The results of AIR's impact on a vulnerable population of adolescents over the past 26 years is remarkable. No other organization offers this type of evidence-based, and trauma-informed arts programming, and there has been no time in history when these programs were more necessary.

I strongly encourage the Planning Board to approve this application and allow AIR to flourish in Durham and provide even greater benefit to our community. Thank you.

Best wishes, Lisa MacFarlane 6 Sullivan Falls Road Durham NH 03824