

Dear [Recipient's Name or "To Whom It May Concern"],

I wanted to take a moment to share my experience visiting Avalon Gardens Eco Village after learning about it through the Local Coalition to End Homelessness. During a recent coalition meeting, I had the privilege of hearing AlaDi present the *Homelessness is Not My Choice* program, which deeply resonated with the work I do as a housing specialist and a member of the Local Coalition to End Homelessness in Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, and Greenlee counties. Inspired by the presentation, I arranged a tour of Avalon Gardens, and I must say, the experience exceeded all expectations. The village is a truly unique and beautiful environment—peaceful, vibrant, and alive with a sense of purpose and connection. From the moment I arrived, I was struck by the serene atmosphere and the warmth of the people living and working there. Everyone I met appeared genuinely happy and engaged, clearly benefiting from the strong sense of community. I witnessed individuals and families not just surviving, but *thriving*—receiving education, healing from trauma, and rebuilding their lives after experiences with homelessness. The homes were thoughtfully designed and dignified, and the grounds were impeccably maintained. Even the animals contributed to the village's welcoming and compassionate energy. Avalon Gardens offers more than just a place to live—it is a living example of what holistic, community-based housing can look like. It is a model worth studying, supporting, and replicating. I left feeling both inspired and hopeful, and I'm deeply grateful to AlaDi and everyone at Avalon Gardens for their commitment to building a truly transformative and healing environment.

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