



Support, every step of the way

April 27, 2016

Dear Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton

Thank you for your leadership on poverty alleviation in our city. I commend you for your notice of motion to the General Issues Committee calling for 50 million dollars to be invested over 10 years in affordable housing and the reduction of poverty. We agree that 1 in 4 childhood poverty in Hamilton is unacceptable. An investment of this nature will go a long way in eradicating poverty in our community. Every member of our community needs a safe and affordable place to call home. Only then can we say Hamilton is the best place to raise a child. Thank you for being the first to take this much needed step to move our community forward and being the voice for those without one.

Here at Wesley Urban Ministries, we have been responding to the needs of individuals experiencing poverty in our community for over 60 years. In particular, we see first-hand the immediate and long term effects of childhood poverty when early investments are made. I thank the City of Hamilton for being a Funding Partner and helping Wesley to make such investments.

In our programs, we are always working towards improved literacy, successful housing, supportive independence, and secured employment. This greatly benefits the individual but also reduces the future use of services.

As you know, the need is great in our community and I agree that it is time to move forward on the next chapter in reducing poverty in Hamilton. Thank you again for your leadership on this matter and on behalf of Wesley Urban Ministries, I offer my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daljit Garry'.

Daljit Garry
Executive Director