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Hello,

I'm emailing you today to ask you to please consider keeping Friends of the Aviary open.

Friends of the Aviary is such a unique place - people young and old love to go and visit the birds. It's wonderful to go into the aviary and learn about the birds and see their different personalities. They love hanging out with each other and seeing visitors. My friends and family love going to see them, since you can't see all these beautiful birds anywhere else around here, without travelling a long distance. The Aviary is also a great opportunity for tourism - if the word could get out then I know people would visit.

For an aviary that has been running for over 90 years, it would be a true shame if it was forced to shut down. These birds have been together for years and some of them were born in the Aviary. It would be heartbreaking for them to be forced to split up and be rehoused. I have a bird of my own & I know how birds can bond with people. These birds have connections with the volunteers and with each other.

The greenhouse at Gage park would have been an amazing new home for the aviary. If you could please reconsider, its not too late for this to be a possibility. The article in the Hamilton Spectator said how they were looking for certain birds to live in the greenhouse - how coincidental that the aviary birds are looking for a new home, yet they were taken out of the plans to move there. I'm not sure why they were taken out of the plans, since the current aviary location is run down - another option would be to renovate the building, so they can stay in their current location, since it is a good location, just old.

Thank you for listening & I hope this helps make a difference.

All the best,
Emily