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**Subject:** Registered Nurse in Support of the Wesley Day Center

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**Subject:** Registered Nurse in Support of the Wesley Day Center

Dear Hamilton City Councillors,

My name is Emilie Lammers and I am a registered nurse working at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (Charlton Campus).

It is extremely disappointing to hear that The Wesley Day Center is being closed.

The crucial and barrier-free programs and services provided by The Wesley Day Center help to prevent marginalized and vulnerable Hamiltonians from accessing other already over-extended health care services.

You may argue that these programs and services will still be made available at other locations throughout the city of Hamilton. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of having a **centralized hub** like The Wesley Day Center where individuals can access a multitude of programs and services.

**The Wesley Day Center promotes HEALTH EQUITY for all Hamiltonians. Closing it and dispersing services throughout the city would be a gross injustice to those who rely upon it and have nowhere else to turn.**

Many marginalized and vulnerable individuals require multiple harm reduction/health promotion services and supports. It is unrealistic to expect that these individuals have the capacity, resources, and/or self-efficacy to access multiple services at multiple sites. **The reality is that without The Wesley Day Center, many individuals will stop accessing these programs/services altogether and will end up in the emergency department.**

More patients in the emergency department is not good for anybody. Wait times are already incredibly long, with some patients spending days in the ED before a ward bed becomes available.

I have spent the majority of my life living and working in Hamilton. I have witnessed the city grow and flourish into what it has become today. **Closing The Wesley Day Center would be an enormous step backwards for the city, leaving behind the individuals who need your support the most.**

I urge you to reconsider your decision and keep The Wesley Day Center open.

Thank you,

Emilie Lammers