

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Council members,

I am writing to you today on behalf of an organization that I feel is important. Easter Seals Ontario does amazing work for children with disabilities within our community.

Easter Seals has changed our lives. Our daughter was born with a rare genetic Mutation that has caused Osteogenesis imperfecta(brittle bones) and Epilepsy.

Madisen lives with many broken bones and has needed assistance to access to our home. Easter Seals has provided help with the cost of the stair lifts and also helped fund her bath lift and her hospital bed. Without these things our daughters life would be much more difficult.

Madisen is an amazing smart and saucy 11 yr old girl. This year she applied to be The Ontario Easter Seals Ambassador. Being that she is so young and it was her first application we were shocked to get the call she was chosen. Madisen is the first Ontario Easter Seals Ambassador in Hamilton in a very long time.

Our family is just one of many families in our City that has been helped by Easter seals. Easter seals touches so many with funding for things like stairs lifts to creating accessible camps where Children with Disabilities can go and be just like all other children.

So we ask that the City of Hamilton "Our" city recognize Easter seals each year in March and to make a Proclamation going forward, March is Easter Seals month in Hamilton.

Madisen also would like you to know that she is willing to come to city hall and speak to you about why this is important to her an so many other children like her.

Thank you for your time

Jodi Dean