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Dear Hamilton City Council,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Chrissy Sadowski and I am the Fund and Volunteer Coordinator for Autism Ontario – South Region. Recently, Autism Ontario changed its model from Chapters to Regions. Our new South Region includes Niagara, Norfolk, Hamilton, Haldimand and Brant.

What does this mean?

*It means we are able to reach more areas and more communities with our services and programs.*

*It means we are able to support those on the spectrum along with their families and caregivers.*

*It means we are able to create opportunities for those who may not have had it before.*

### **And we are excited!**

As a Council, we look forward to working with you in your community, whether it be through supporting a fundraiser, giving a donation towards one of our programs, or helping to spread Autism awareness and acceptance through your community. We want families to know we are here for them and we want to share the services we provide – for those on the Autism Spectrum, their family members and their caregivers.

We invite you to share in our vision “Best Life, Better World, Making Autism Matter!” because having your support would be so significant as we grow to support your community.

Please let me know if you have any questions and we can chat further. You can contact me at [chrissy.sadowski@autismontario.com](mailto:chrissy.sadowski@autismontario.com) or at 1-800-472-7789 ext. 257.

Thank you so much!

Chrissy Sadowski