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Mayor Bob Bratina  
Hamilton City Hall  
2nd floor – 71 Main St. West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Mayor Bratina,

Monday, October 1 2012, has been declared by the United Nations as World Habitat Day. The purpose of this day is to reflect on the state of adequate housing in our towns and cities adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for safe decent housing for mankind.

The theme of World Habitat Day 2012 is "Changing Cities, Building Opportunities." When cities are well planned, they can continue to afford opportunities to both current and future residents. We invite the City of Hamilton to join with Habitat for Humanity Hamilton to make a commitment to the ideals of World Habitat Day.

On World Habitat Day we will be raising flags throughout Hamilton which will be a very visible symbol of our cities commitment. The logo of Habitat for Humanity captures our core values of affordable housing for the people of Hamilton. It is a tool in assisting our citizens to break out of the cycle of poverty, through homeownership.

Habitat for Humanity changes lives of families through the power of homeownership. A Christian based organization we engage volunteers in the building of homes, operating our ReStore and guiding the organization at a policy level. Since 1991 Habitat Hamilton has changed the lives of 14 families, enabling dreams to become reality for the partner families and growing the health of the community of Hamilton.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. McConkey".

Robert G. McConkey  
Executive Director