Hi Kirsten,

Thanks so much for connecting with me. This is going to be our 3rd Annual fundraising event. We are calling it Step Up for Wayside. The past 2 years were a Walk-a-thon (virtual last year).

We are planning the event to bring awareness to our services and programs. We provide long term residential addiction treatment for transitional male youth and adult men. We have been a provider of this service in Hamilton since 1967.

The dollars raised are to support our existing program and support plans for expansion. We currently have a wait list for beds that exceeds 4 months. This is too long and we are losing clients to overdose deaths as a result.

Kirsten, the Hamilton Police Service has been one of our best allies and partner since I joined the agency in 1999. I have worked hard to develop positive relationships with the past 3 chiefs and we have all benefited as a result. Wayside House is one community agency that strongly and publicly supports our Police. We show this by participating on numerous committees and planning tables with you. We have welcomed Chiefs to meet with our clients. They, along with senior and uniformed officers have attended and participated in our Annual Meetings, social functions and other events. I know that we could not provide true, equitable and quality care without them.

Due to COVID restrictions, we may be having to move our event to First Ontario Place. This is to be decided this week. I have also spoken with Sarah Beck and Sandy Pollock who have been amazing.

I hope this is helpful. Please reach out, at anytime Kristen, should you require any additional information.

Please see waysidehouseham.com for more information.

Thanks again, Regan

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On Fri, 3 Sept 2021 at 15:22, Stevenson, Kirsten <<u>Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca</u>> wrote:

Good afternoon – I received the attached request for support letter. In your letter, you reference a 'signature fundraising event scheduled for October 2, 2021'.

Could you please provide me with some information on this event? What type of event is it, who will be participating, who benefit etc...

Thanks & regards,

Kirsten

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