

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hamilton Police Services Board  
155 King William Street  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Police Services Board,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Hamilton Police Services for your generous donation in support of our annual fundraiser. This year, we raised nearly \$85,000, a significant milestone that will greatly contribute to maintaining and expanding our vital supports and services.

As you are all too aware, the impact of substance use in Hamilton remains profound. Substance use continues to rise, with increasingly severe consequences, and the number of overdose deaths remains alarmingly high. These challenges lead to escalating health concerns, strained family and social systems, and heightened criminal activity. At Wayside House of Hamilton, we strive to play our part in addressing these issues and making a positive difference in our community.

Currently, we are working to expand our capacity by doubling the number of beds we offer and enhancing all aspects of care. By enabling faster admissions and ensuring appropriate placements, our goal is to significantly improve the quality and reach of our services.

This work would not be possible without the steadfast partnership we share with Hamilton Police Services. Your ongoing investment and collaboration truly make a difference. Your officers deserve recognition for their unwavering dedication to helping so many in need. Hamilton is undeniably a safer and better city because of your efforts, and we are all more secure thanks to your commitment.

We are proud of the strong relationship we share with you and deeply value the impact we achieve together. With your continued support, we look forward to building an even brighter future for our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regan E. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Regan E. Anderson

CEO

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