January 12, 2009

The Hon. Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor, Office of the Mayor  
Hamilton City Centre  
77 James Street North, Suite 230  
Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

As Chair of the Board of Christian Children’s Fund of Canada (CCFC), I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank families and community leaders in Hamilton for their generous support of sponsored children in eight developing countries around the world – India, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Paraguay and Nicaragua. After reviewing some recent financial reports, I was humbled by the overwhelming support Hamilton residents have shown our organization.

Last year, Hamilton was one of the top twenty most generous cities in Canada to open its heart to support children-in-need around the world. Over the years, Hamilton has contributed an unbelievable total of $2 million to CCFC in lifetime giving! This is a remarkable achievement and residents should take pride in knowing they have directly helped impoverished children, families and communities around the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide the City Council of Hamilton, as the elected representation of the people of Hamilton, with a small token of our appreciation, honouring the generosity of spirit shown by the individual residents of your city.

Sponsorships and donations originating from Hamilton not only benefit a child, but his or her family as well. Sponsored children receive access to food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and school supplies. In addition, the child’s family has access to vocational training, job opportunities and farming expertise. The money donated also helps the child’s community become self-sufficient by starting sustainable, results-producing projects for the entire community such as building clean water wells and offering small business training.

The acts of kindness shown by residents and community leaders of Hamilton have provided meaningful change and help to thousands of the world’s poor. For more information, please visit www.ccfcanada.ca.

Thank you Hamilton!

Sincerely,
Paul M. Newbigging  
Chair of the Board, Christian Children’s Fund of Canada
In 2009, Christian Children's Fund of Canada recognizes
the residents of the City of Hamilton for donating $2 million dollars
in a lifetime of giving.

Your generosity is breaking the cycle of extreme poverty for children, their families
and communities around the world.

Paul M. Newbigging, Chair of the Board,
Christian Children’s Fund of Canada