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Mr. Fred Eisenberger
Chair
City of Hamilton Board of Health
City Centre
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Dear Mr. Eisenberger:

I am pleased to announce that the provincial government has committed $109,035 to the City of Hamilton - Public Health & Social Services Department for the Healthy Living Hamilton project for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. This funding is subject to the City of Hamilton - Public Health & Social Services Department entering into a grant funding agreement with the Ministry.

The provincial government recognizes the significant cost of preventable diseases to Ontarians and to our health care system. We believe that activities such as these will help support our primary objectives of healthier living and disease prevention. Together with our partners in the community, we are fostering improved health through improved food choices and better nutrition, and increased physical activity and exercise. We are working to ensure that Ontarians have the healthiest choices wherever people live, learn, work and play.

Over the past year, the Ministry has been developing its future strategic directions and its role in health promotion in Ontario. As part of this process, Ministry resources are being realigned to improve coordination among stakeholders and support the integration of chronic disease prevention policies and programs. The Ontario Heart Health Program can play a key role in this work by delivering initiatives focused on policy-change and strengthening community planning and action.

The administrative details regarding this funding will be communicated to you shortly through the office of Pegeen Walsh, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Branch.
Thank you for your continuing effort and co-operation in working with the Ministry to promote a healthier Ontario. Your important contributions, and continued hard work and dedication will help to improve the quality of life and health of all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

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