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Della McPhail, MCIP, RPP
Development Planning Section (West Team)
Planning and Economic Development Department
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 5th Floor
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Dear Ms. McPhail,

Re: Letter of Support Lynwood Charlton Centre

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support with respect to Lynwood Charlton Centre application to utilize the building at 121 Augusta Street, Hamilton as a new residential site.

The Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton has had a longstanding partnership with Lynwood Charlton Centre spanning over 50 years in providing treatment and support to some of the most vulnerable youth and families in our community.

The care provided by Lynwood Charlton to the youth in their care is of the highest quality. They have served hundreds if not thousands of children, who without Lynwood Charlton Centre’s intervention would not have been reintegrated with their families or be contributing members of our community. Furthermore, the quality of the care they provide and the professionalism of their staff is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of its leadership.

At times there are perceptions that allowing residences such as Lynwood Charlton Centre is proposing at 121 Augusta St. disrupt neighbourhoods or place other children at risk. I can attest that this most certainly not the case. Lynwood Charlton Centre operates other residences in our community and have demonstrated their commitment to being part of the neighbourhood, respective of neighbours, and most of all responsive is any issues may arise.

Serving Hamilton’s children and families since 1894.
We collectively must ensure that services required by our children are provided in their community, close to their families and schools.

Thus it is without hesitation that I provide our support for Lynwood Charlton Centre’s application to open a residence at 121 Augusta Street.

Should you require further information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Dominic Verticchio  
Executive Director

cc Alex Thomson  
Deirdre Finlay