KEEP FAMILY SERVICES OPEN

It is my belief that Family Services Hamilton should be supported at all cost to continue to operate. It has served the community of Hamilton for 83 years. The dedication to the community has always been there. Countless women and children in crisis have relied on the help and services of this agency, as well as couples and people in financial crisis. It is my belief that as a tax paying citizen of this city, I am deserving of the opportunity to continue attending the crisis counselling at this agency. Why should I or any victim of abuse be forced to be served by an agency not of my faith, or an agency that services the offenders that have chased us to this necessity in the first place? Are we of less value than anyone else in society? Should our rights to continue at Family Services with the people we are comfortable with be discounted for the sake of the pocket book of the city. United way, and the province of Ontario. Has this city not found funds for MANY MANY less deserving things than this? When did our rights get shelved without our knowledge? I’d like to be the first to sign my name proudly to a petition to keep Family Services Hamilton open and operating for the good of this community and the health and welfare of the women and children who utilize it. We are not of less value, we are tax payers like everyone else and we have a right to have a voice on how our money is spent. If we can save the flowers, we better be able to save the victims of violence and abuse in this city. Please join me and sign your name below, if you are fearful of your name being seen by an offender, use Jane Doe.

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The petition was signed by 344 citizens.