Mr. Larry Di Ianni  
Chair  
City of Hamilton Board of Health  
City Hall, 71 Main Street West  
Hamilton ON L8R 3L5

Dear Mr. Di Ianni:

I am pleased to announce that the provincial government has committed $109,035 to Healthy Living Hamilton, an initiative of the Ontario Heart Health Program, for the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

The McGuinty 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 health care, we are fostering improved health through the development and implementation of effective health promotion strategies addressing modifiable risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease and some other chronic diseases. We are working to ensure that Ontarians have the healthiest choices wherever people live, learn, work and play.

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 my 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 yours,

Jim Watson
Minister

c: Dr. Shafiq Qaadri, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health Promotion
Ms. Judy Marsales, MPP, Hamilton West