March 9, 2009

Mr. Emil Kolb Regional Chair, Region of Peel, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

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Dear Chair Kolb,

Thank you for the generous funding amount of \$300,000 approved by Council on January 22, 2009. As a collaborative, Success By 6 Peel galvanizes the community around the common concern and shared vision of all children reaching their full potential. This funding means that we will not only be able to continue to work with the community on our comprehensive plan to address some of most important issues and needs of young children in Peel, but also strengthen and sustain our efforts.

Residents have a strong infrastructure within the Region of Peel public service, caring for youngsters though Children's Services, Health, Early Learning and Care and Police services. The Region of Peel is our strongest supporter and partner.

Addressing these issues and needs means constantly developing new and innovative approaches. Since 2005, by working together with the Region and other partners, we have made excellent progress in making life better for families and children. A few recent highlights come to mind: LION (Learning In Our Neighbourhood) vehicles visiting high-density, under-serviced neighborhoods this year; the launch of the Post Partum Mood Disorder website; providing critical research and data to Peel service providers, and of course, our monthly Peel Children's Charter of Rights delegations to Peel Regional Council.

The Region of Peel also recognizes children as an economic asset worthy of investment, just like job training and public health, by providing funding support of Success By 6 Peel and many other child-focussed programs and services. Our work is always based on research which overwhelmingly proves the importance of investing in early child development in order to maximize human potential later on.

We saw how much you care on February 26 when Peel councillors stood hand in hand, expressing their encouragement and *compassion* for the children of the YEAH Chorus who are representative of all children in Peel Region. To us, this response defines Council's accord of Success By 6 Peel's work in our community.

We thank the Region of Peel for its ongoing and encompassing support: additional funding in the 2009 budget, volunteers, services. We look forward our continued collaboration towards a bright future for all children.

Sincerely,

Jim Grieve Co-chair, Success By 6 Peel Ron Lenyk Co-chair, Success By 6 Peel

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