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Mrs. Natalie Chapman  
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Dear Mrs. Chapman,

WIAIH, (West Island Association for the Intellectually Handicapped), has done and continues to do an excellent job of supporting families and their children with the challenges associated with the intellectually handicapped. The service your team provides to the West Island community is priceless.

In an effort to better serve the needs of our community, you have embarked on the wonderful project of building the KIZMET Centre on Gouin Boulevard in Sainte-Genevieve. This is in addition to expanding WIAIH's mission to include all young children on the West Island.

The KIZMET centre will address a very important need to encourage healthy child development along with positive parenting practices. The center's goal of offering support to families with young children will be to the great benefit of our society as a whole. The mission to enhance child and family well-being by reducing the isolation of parents with infants, toddlers and preschoolers will have a direct, positive impact on our society as a whole.

By doing early intervention in vulnerable situations, we can have a significant impact on the mental health of our children and also their parents. It is well known that investment in the proper support of our youth pays tremendous dividends later in life.

The KIZMET center will support families with young children not only in Sainte-Genevieve where it will be located, but also throughout the West Island of Montreal. Presently the West Island does not have such a dedicated center for young children and their parents.

For all of these reasons, I am very happy to whole-heartedly support the KIZMET project. Please do not hesitate to call on me or my staff for any support that I may be in a position to provide.

Sincerely,

Frank Baylis  
MP Pierrefonds-Dollard

