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Clarington Council

RE: Request for Endorsement of Motion - **Supporting Autistic Adults**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the families of Autism Home Base, I respectfully request your support of a motion to endorse Ajax's resolution requesting that the Government of Ontario provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for **adults** with ASD, including Autism Home Base, as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget.

Autism Home Base has made a formal request to the Minister of Finance and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions They understand that autism doesn't end when children become adults and that lifelong supports are needed.

This motion is an essential step toward securing core funding from the Government of Ontario so that Autism Home Base can continue and grow our innovative model that provides relief from social isolation through inclusive recreation and wellness programs for autistic adults, as well as their lifelong family caregivers.

We are not a group home or respite provider. Our charity is uniquely focussed on 'whole family' quality of life for those who are aging in place at home. At Autism Home Base, we understand the challenges faced by these families, particularly concerning the limited access to consistent, reliable, and high-quality programs.

Despite the undoubted necessity for programs that ensure the well-being and social integration of this often-neglected segment of our community, the absence of annualized core government funding puts our evidence-proven organization at risk.

It keeps us in perpetual start up mode, operating reactively as time-sensitive project grants and donations are received. This minimizes our potential impact.

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The motion proposed is an earnest appeal for the inclusion of funding in the 2024 Provincial Budget. By securing this core funding, we strive to extend and enhance the suite of high quality, social and recreational programs offered by Autism Home Base, ensuring a brighter, more inclusive future for autistic adults.

We will grow and scale our model for implementation in communities across Ontario.

Clarington families are supported by Autism Home Base. We are grateful for grants received through the Clarington Community Funding Program. We are also proud to call Clarington home to our Autism Hub.

We invite Clarington to endorse this motion, which will be brought to Regional Council and shared with provincial stakeholders.

I am happy to provide any additional information that may be required to support your consideration of this motion.

Thank you for your time and anticipated support.

Sincerely,



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