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Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)
New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)

Subject: Learning to Care Differently: Turning Pain into Purpose

Dear Grant Providers,

As City Councillor for the City of London, I am writing to express my strong support for the funding application submitted by LHPC Community House Foundation for the project Learning to Care Differently: Turning Pain into Purpose under the New Horizons for Seniors Program 2026.

Our office serves as a daily hub connecting the City of London with the residents we represent. We hear from seniors regularly. We hear about loneliness. We hear about exhaustion. We hear from people who have spent years giving everything to a loved one and who feel, at the end of the day, that nobody truly understands what that has cost them. These are not abstract statistics. These are our neighbours.

What strikes me most about this project is that it does not simply offer senior caregivers another service to access. It offers them something far more meaningful. It offers them a community of people who understand exactly what they are going through, a stage on which to share what they have lived. That shift, from service recipient to community leader, is one I have rarely seen attempted so deliberately and so thoughtfully.

I have long believed that the strength of a city is measured not by its skyline but by how it treats its senior caregivers. On October 7, 2026, they will stand during the Age Friendly London Conference and tell their stories to their community. As the City Councillor, I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to their courage and their contribution.

I strongly endorse LHPC Community House Foundation's funding request and encourage the New Horizons for Seniors Program to invest in this important initiative.

This letter reflects my support as an individual Member of Council and should not be interpreted as a formal position or endorsement of the City of London or City Council.

Yours sincerely,

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