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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

As a strong Community partner, Meals On Wheels London, I am writing to express my strong support for the funding application submitted by LHPC Community House Foundation for the above project under the New Horizons for Seniors Program 2026.

During my time serving the City of London, I had the privilege of witnessing the extraordinary dedication of thousands of seniors in our community who quietly and selflessly care for a spouse, parent, or partner living with a health condition. These individuals are among the most compassionate members of our community. Yet their stories go unheard, their challenges go unrecognized, and the support they deserve is rarely there when they need it most.

This proposed project responds directly to one of the most urgent and underrepresented needs in our community. Senior caregivers are not the audience for this initiative. They are its architects, its storytellers, and its leaders. That distinction matters deeply to me as someone who has spent years working to build a city where every resident feels seen, valued, and heard.

London has always been a city that rises to meet the needs of its most vulnerable residents. I have seen this time and again throughout my years of public service. What I have not seen enough of is our community turning toward its senior caregivers with the same generosity and attention we give to others. This project begins to change that, and it does so in a way that is distinctly London, creative, community-driven, and deeply human.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chad Callander'.

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