



Community

Living

Month

May

2006

March 30, 2006

Ms. Lina Bigioni
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Attention: Regional Chair Bill Fisch and Members of Regional Council

Dear Ms. Bigioni

Subject: Proclamation of Community Living Month

The three Community Living Associations in York Region are proud to announce May 2006 as Community Living Month.



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Community Living York South, Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District and Community Living Georgina have been providing services and supports to people who have an intellectual disability in York Region for over 50 years.

Our Associations would be most appreciative if the Council would proclaim the month of May 2006 to be Community Living Month in York Region.



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District

We suggest the following wording for the Community Living Month Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Community Living supports individuals who have an intellectual disability to develop their capacity to live, learn, work and participate in all aspects of living in the community and

WHEREAS, Community Living helps the community to develop its capacity to welcome and support people who have not always had the same opportunities as the rest of us to participate in community life in meaningful and productive ways.

I hereby proclaim May 2006 to be Community Living Month in York Region

In Celebration of Community Living Month, a provincial public awareness campaign will be launched once again. This year's campaign focuses on education, highlighting including children who have an intellectual disability in the classroom. Kids Belong Together! Locally, Community Living Associations will be hosting different events throughout the month of May.

Your support will greatly assist us in generating understanding by the general public whose lives may not have been touched by an individual who has an intellectual disability.

On behalf of the individuals receiving our support, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



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