

Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs Agences ontariennes de soutien pour les personnes qui ont des besoins spéciaux

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Hon. Madeleine Meilleur Minister of Community and Social Services Hepburn Block 80 Grosvenor Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 1E9

Dear Minister,

On behalf of OASIS I would like to congratulate you on your re-election with such a large majority.

I expect that after the strenuous activity of the campaign you will be taking a well earned vacation. When you return I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you briefly with some of my associates. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss how best we can utilize the next four years to accomplish the objectives that we and your Ministry are jointly agreed upon. The people of Ontario have, I believe, given the Government a mandate to improve the provision of social services and our member agencies are an important part of that program.

The groundwork has been laid during this past summer to strengthen the not for profit sector and improve the ability of agencies to recruit and retain qualified staff who are essential to maintaining the standard of support to people with special needs that has been achieved. By next summer I hope that together we will have developed a program built on that foundation.

The timing of a meeting is of course at your convenience as is the location and we shall contact your office in a few weeks to enquire what would be convenient. In the meantime our best wishes for a relaxing recovery from the stress of campaigning!

Yours very sincerely,

Gerald D. Sutton

President