Letter to Community Partners

May 31, 2021

Re: **Enhancing Services for Medically Fragile / Technologically Dependent Children and their Families in Cambridge and Central / West Ontario**

Dear Community Partner:

Sunbeam Community & Development Services has agreed to acquire a children's respite home in Cambridge, with the transfer of programs and services expected to take place by the end of June. This site will serve families requiring respite care for children who are medically fragile / technologically dependent and who may also require behavioural supports.

The home is being transferred to Sunbeam from **Kids Country Club** *(Parents of Technologically Dependent Children of Ontario)*, an organization based in London, Ontario. Kids Country Club and the **Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services** chose Sunbeam to receive the transfer of programs and services because of our aligned values in the provision of quality, compassionate services. Kids Country Club remains committed to continuing to support Ontario's southwest region through its main service location in London, which also serves the respite needs of medically fragile / technologically dependent children.

As a community partner, if you are working with families eligible for MCCSS-funded children's respite services, we would be happy to discuss how Sunbeam's newly enhanced and expanded children's respite programs may serve the growing demand for this essential service for families across the Central and West regions of Ontario. We also value your feedback to help shape current and future programming at the Cambridge home.

Please reach out to **Laura Thies**, Sunbeam's Chief Operating Officer, for more information. Laura can be reached at **(519) 741-1121, ext. 2225**, or by email to: **l.thies@sunbeamcommunity.ca**

We look forward to working together to continue providing essential supports and services to exceptional children and their families in our community.

Sincerely,

Brian Swainson
Chief Executive Officer