February 4, 2021

Dear Mr. Mayor Lyn Hall and Council Members,

Please receive this letter of support for the new construction of Harmony House Initiative, proposed to be built behind Trinity United Church (TUC), on land which was donated by the TUC for this project.

This project is vital to the community as it is the first of its kind across Canada. This is an amazing endeavour which serves to protect and enhance family life by the preservation of Mother-Child relationship; specifically, for women who struggle with social determents of health and that want to live a healthier life with their babies.

Social issues is often being rooted in past trauma, disconnected from family and community. In addition, it will help to alleviate some of the 'social' challenges with so many people experiencing homelessness and mental health and substance use on the streets.

By giving mothers and their babies this terrific opportunity to bond/ attach to one another in such an emotionally supportive home as Harmony House; this will put them on a positive trajectory for their future. Our Prince George community has many resources to support family unity and to have better health outcomes. The support of your administration office would be greatly appreciated for this priority population.

Thank you mayor and council for taking the time to read this support letter, much appreciated.

Respectfully,

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