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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of an application for a centre for children with autism in Richmond Hill. As a professional working at a centre for children with autism in Richmond Hill, I have first hand experience in seeing how much of a positive impact a centre like this has not only on the child but their families and at large the communities.

Firstly, a centre for children with autism would benefit the child to learn and build skills in an environment that is conducive to their learning and individual needs. Centres for autism focus greatly on the development of important skills that will significantly enhance the quality of life for these children and their families. The positive impact that centres as such have, can really change the trajectory of children's lives as they develop many important skills including toilet training, language and communication, social skills, self-help skills and academic skills.

In addition, centres for children with autism can have a positive impact for parents and families. Since there are limited centres in Richmond Hill that provide this service, there is a growing demand for centres and professionals in the field. There are many children in Richmond Hill who have been awaiting services but are on long waiting lists. Opening another centre in Richmond Hill would allow parents and families to access services faster for their children.

Further, opening a centre for children with autism would benefit the community at large. There would be opportunities for the residents in Richmond Hill to work, volunteer and build meaningful careers at a centre for children with autism.

I believe that a centre for children with autism would be beneficial to the residents of Richmond Hill and surrounding areas. Not only would this centre be catered to providing much needed services for children with autism but also would benefit parents, families and the community.

Thank you

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