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LONDON BLOCK PARENT PROGRAM

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Corporation of the City of London
Attention: Mayor Joe Fontana
300 Dufferin Ave.
P.O. Box 5035
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Dear Mayor Fontana;

Re: Letter of Support

On behalf of the London Block Parent® Program Board of Directors, staff and all of London's Block Parent® volunteers, we wish to update you on the activities of the London Block Parent® Program and request a letter of support.

As we are sure you are aware, London is the birthplace of the Block Parent® Program and the City of London has been a long standing core funder and supporter of our mission. We have recently upgraded our program screening and approval policies and administration, and we've introduced a new Block Parent® sign with improved security and tracking features. Our goal is to build the numbers of safe havens in each London neighbourhood. The most important aspect of our mission is to provide supportive street-proofing and stranger danger education and our success in this continues to grow.

With the help of the Community Service Innovation fund in 2010, we implemented the Business Block Parent® Program in order to expand our reach in communities where residential Block Parent® homes may not be found. Our newest venture will be launched in September 2011. We will be working with elementary schools to coordinate "Walking School Buses" and to engage parents or active seniors as Block Parent® volunteer "Block Walkers" to walk with children to and from school for added safety for our students.

A letter of support for the activities of our Program would be appreciated for future funding, partnership and sponsorship opportunities.

We are pleased to be actively working toward the goals of the City's Strengthening Neighbourhood Initiative (Safety Committee) and the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee. Our missions align to engage citizens to ensure that London remains a safe place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Balderston,
Chairperson

Gail McMahon
Executive Director

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