**Committee: Eldon House Board of Directors** 

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Occupation: Pillar's Community Collaboration Program Manager Work experience: Please see accompanying professional resume Education: Please see accompanying professional resume

Skills: 1) By serving as a volunteer for Eldon House, I have gained tremendous knowledge of and appreciation for the history and heritage of London's oldest home, as well as its memorable inhabitants - four generations of the Harris family. 2) I have strong communication and media skills to help market and promote this heritage museum, and to assist with funding proposals designed to garner potential new sources of revenue. 3) With significant experience in successful national special event planning, I hope to assist the Eldon House team to broaden the museum's reach as an historic site and tourist attraction by embracing additional programming opportunities.

Interest reason: While assisting with special event planning as a City representative appointed to the Eldon House 175th Anniversary Committee in 2009, I fell in love with this London heritage treasure. As a result, I have continued to volunteer in a number of ways in recent years, and am thrilled Council has introduced separate governance for Eldon House. As such, I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to increase my volunteer work for this heritage gem by serving on its new Board of Directors.

Contributions: 1) Staff experience in establishing Board policies and Board terms of reference for both The Sunshine Foundation of Canada and The Foundation for Gene & Cell Therapy (Jesse's Journey). 2) Excellent communication and media skills to assist with the marketing and promotion of Eldon House as a tourist destination. 3) Comprehensive understanding of City governance, administration and operations, as a former staff member. 4) Creative ideas and extensive special event planning to support the museum's ongoing programming and community outreach. 5) A strong network of community contacts gained through a broad communications career spanning the private, public and nonprofit sectors. 6) An appreciation of the budgeting process required to meet the goals and objectives of the organization 7) A sincere passion for Eldon House and its history, as evidenced by my past contributions to its success during and since the 175th Anniversary. Past contributions: In addition to serving as a key staff member reporting to Boards of Directors for two national charities, both founded in London (The Sunshine Foundation of Canada and Jesse's Journey), I have also served as President (Chair) for the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC London Chapter) and my alma mater King's University College Alumni Association.

Interpersonal: As a communications professional who had the privilege of serving in key roles with the City of London, Western University, Jesse's Journey, The Sunshine Foundation, Cooperators Insurance and London's media corps, I have experienced vast and varied opportunities to collaborate with others within our community and across the country. Most recently, as an acknowledgement of my ability to work with many diverse stakeholders, I was appointed the new Community Collaboration Program Manager for Pillar Nonprofit Network and tasked with the responsibility of creating positive social change by facilitating greater cross-sector collaboration among the private, public and nonprofit sectors. Along with this role, I sincerely hope to support Eldon House, as part of its new Board of Directors.

Interview interest: Yes

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