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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Additional Information - Longest Day of SMILES

Mayor Morgan, and Members of Council,

Last year over 115 Mayors across Canada Proclaimed the Longest Day of SMILES® in their communities. Celebrating the contributions made by community members in support of Operation Smile Canada.

London is home to an extraordinary group of Community Ambassadors, Student Leaders, and Future Global Medical Volunteers like:

Clyde Hillier retired Dental Surgeon, London resident and SMILE Ambassador who presents to local organizations in the London area to raise awareness and invite others to give in support of the life changing work done across the globe by Operation Smile Canada.

Ron Seaward London resident used his passion for music and giving back with the help of Angel Tree Gig Nation to raise 100 SMILES for children born with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate.

The University of Western has one of the largest and most established Operation Smile Canada Student Clubs. Eden Reid and her executive team host an annual ULEAD Student Symposium where the main goal is to inspire and cultivate leadership, collaboration, and innovation in students interested in the medical and health fields across Canada. Since 2019 they have raised \$12,000+ in support of Operation Smile Canada resulting in 50 children receiving the comprehensive cleft care and SMILES they've been waiting for.

These Student Leaders receive leadership training and gain valuable experience through their involvement with Operation Smile Canada that they can use in the application process for higher learning. Western Grads like Shanzeh Khan whose brother was born with a cleft condition, continue volunteering with Operation Smile Canada as they continue their studies in the fields of Dentistry and Medicine with hopes of joining our global medical volunteer team.

The Longest Day of SMILES® celebrates the contributions of these London residents without whom our work is not possible. We look forward to having your support once again this year. 😊

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