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To: Families, Children's Respite Program

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Re: Lawson Children's Respite Program Finds a New Interim Space

We are pleased to share an important update regarding the relocation of the **Lawson Children's Respite Program** to a new interim site at McMillan in Scarborough. This move allows us to continue providing high-quality support and services to children and youth as we transition from the Lawson site, which is scheduled for redevelopment and revitalization in the coming years.

Although we have made many meaningful connections and shared countless experiences at Lawson, the facility constructed in 1963 no longer aligns with our standards and growing needs. We will be hosting an open house to celebrate the interim location, offering families and their loved ones a great opportunity to explore the newly renovated space.

This interim location is a key step in ensuring respite services remain accessible, although at a reduced capacity, as we work towards a long-term solution within the redevelopment and revitalization plan. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible with minimal disruption to services and ensuring that we fulfill all existing respite bookings through to the end of December 2024.

For families enrolled in our after-school and weekend overnight programs at Lawson, we are pleased to offer the option of continuing services at the new interim location. Those choosing this option will be guided through the intake process by the Respite Choices team to ensure continuity of care.

Located in a welcoming neighborhood, the space provides a homely and comforting environment. The intimate and personalized atmosphere mirrors the feeling of moving into a cozy home. Additionally, the site features a backyard where children can enjoy outdoor play, enhancing their overall experience. Our goal is to maintain an exceptional respite program within a warm and nurturing setting during this transition period.

This move also reflects our ongoing commitment to evolving and modernizing our services to better support people and their families over the years to come. The relocation is a necessary step in our journey towards modernizing and enhancing services, while putting the people we support first, which is aligned with our **Strategic Plan 2023-2028**.

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At Community Living Toronto, we are dedicated to supporting all families and stakeholders during this process, addressing any concerns, and providing regular updates to keep everyone informed. We are also working closely with the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services (MCCSS) to ensure the new site meets all licensing requirements. We will provide more information once the licensing is established.

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all families for their patience and understanding during this transition. As we move to our McMillan location, we remain fully committed to continue providing the high level of care and support your children deserve.

We also thank our dedicated teams and staff for their continued hard work during this transition. We are truly grateful for everyone's support and effort that will make this transition a success.

In case of any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at heather.dunn@cltoronto.ca or call 416-399-1418.

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