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Dear Lyn Romano,

The Metro Care and Share Society (MCSS) team would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Halifax Scholars Program. With your assistance and others like you, we are currently sponsoring six youths from low-income families to pursue their dreams of going to university by paying their tuition and living expenses.

Our hearts have gotten heavier with the passing of our Founder/Executive Director, Melvin James Boutilier. In January 2020, Mel was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer. He was in good spirits and remained active to the end. Mel succumbed to his illness on the evening of April 28, 2020, at the age of 92. He was at home with Thelma, his partner in life and all things, at his side, along with loved ones, family and friends.

Mel was well-known throughout Nova Scotia for his boundless energy and selfless volunteering. A churchman, he was active in the Halifax Seventh-day Adventist Church and helped establish the construction of Sandy Lake Academy. He was a founder of and served as the first chairman of the Metro Food Bank Society which went on to become Feed Nova Scotia. He was also the founder of the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank and Skills Development Centre. In 2015, Mel created another opportunity where he saw a need, serving as Executive Director of the Metro Care & Share Society's Scholars Program. The program is dedicated to helping students follow their dreams by attending college or university.

In his later years, Mel was recognized time and time again for his humanitarian work. Included among his many accolades are an honorary Diploma from the Nova Scotia Community College (2006), Thérèse Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award (2006), the Order of Nova Scotia (2009), the Order of Canada (2010), Red Cross Humanitarian Award (2013), and an honorary Doctorate in Civil Law from Saint Mary's University (2017).

"As long as I'm living and there's an opportunity, I will be there helping people." – Mel Boutilier

Please find attached a tax receipt to claim in your 2020 income tax return. Thank you once again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

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