



## MIKE COLLE, MPP

Eglinton-Lawrence

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to show my support for Stella's Place, Canada's first integrated assessment and clinical treatment centre for young adults with mental health needs.

As a Member of Provincial Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence, I know how serious the issue of mental health is in our communities. We need to do all we can to support children and youth with mental illness and increase the availability of treatment.

Too many young adults in Ontario are suffering from mental health disorders and far too often they fall through the cracks.

The founder of Stella's Place, Donna Green, struggled for 3 years to find treatment not currently found in Ontario for her daughter Stella, at a tremendous emotional and financial cost to her family. Donna is a community leader and determined to solve the crisis faced by thousands of young adults in Ontario who share her daughter Stella's story.

Once it opens, Stella's Place will provide the important work of comprehensive assessment and treatment services at not cost to young adults between 16-30 years of age with complex mental health needs.

The model employed by Stella's Place is in alignment with Ontario's commitments in its Open Minds Healthy Minds Plan. It is the kind of institution that can assist in relieving stress on community social services, and help the many young adults who continue to fall through the cracks.

Sincerely,

Mike Colle, MPP  
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