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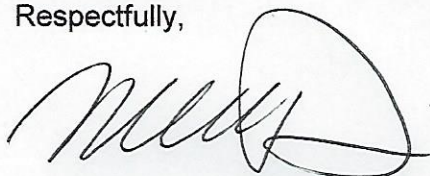
It is my duty and an honour to offer my support for the Stars for Life Foundation for Autism, in Prince Edward Island. I am the mother of a wonderful 21 year-old young man who was diagnosed late in life on the autism spectrum and, as such, our family did not have the luxury of getting the current governmental supports that are offered during early childhood and school years. We are grateful for the services Stars for Life (SFL) provides to our son and family and feel very fortunate to be able to receive such services which have been of tremendous benefit to him.

The Stars for Life Foundation is a very small but mighty non-governmental organization. Its force lies in its extraordinary, talented, professional and very dedicated human resources. Regrettably, Stars for Life Foundation does not benefit from the same level of funding as other NGOs, and is constantly looking for ways to secure core funding, so essential for its day-to-day operations in supporting adults with autism.

I personally am a supporter of the Stars for Life Foundation, and take part in as many fundraising activities the Foundation puts out. The Foundation's outstanding level of dedication to adults on the autism spectrum is second to none—we were fortunate enough to learn about Stars for Life early on and secure support for our son.

I could write page upon page of excellent reasons why Stars for Life Foundation should receive greater support in the form of funding for core activities. I will only say that their struggles to keep afloat over the years have prevented them to cater to a greater number of adults on the spectrum who sorely need their services. I sincerely hope you will consider their application with great interest and understanding.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maude Desjardins', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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