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ACCESS Youth Outreach Services Box 6, 2601 Lougheed Highway Coquitlam, B.C. V3C 4J2

Attention: Board of Directors

Re: ACCESS Youth Outreach Mall Program

Coquitlam Centre has been a strong supporter of ACCESS for well over ten years — we've always been inspired by the tremendous work the organization does for at risk youth in our community. When ACCESS first approached us regarding a potential partnership to extend their youth outreach program to the shopping centre, we were enthusiastic at the prospect. With the Evergreen Extension coming to the community and the concern about the potential impact on vulnerable youth in the area, we knew that as the 'gathering place' for local youth, Coquitlam Centre was positioned front and centre to make a difference.

Youth today are reluctant to seek out the traditional support or information services that are available to them, that's why ACCESS's unique relationship-based programs really work, and have successfully provided enormous support to youth in our community. ACCESS builds consistent and trusting relationships by creating a safe and supportive approach. Whether it's providing information on drug or sex education, helping with a job application, providing referrals or mediation, one-on-one support or crisis intervention, you positively impact youth and families.

Implementing a program like this is proof that prevention-based programs really make a difference in maintaining a youth-friendly environment and a healthy community. ACCESS's devotion to prevention and early intervention allows youth to overcome life's challenges. In 2018, ACCESS outreach workers engaged with 1,390 youth at the shopping centre. A survey of Coquitlam Centre's retailers indicated that 100% of those surveyed strongly agree or agree that this program is valuable, as it provides an option for youth that are in need.

The Youth Outreach Mall Program allows Coquitlam Centre to be proactive in addressing the potential issues that affect youth and extend ACCESS's reach and influence. We are very proud to partner with ACCESS in being able to bring this valuable life-changing service to youth and families in our community.

Yours truly,

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