



To Whom it May Concern,

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

On behalf of everyone here at St. Matthew's House, but more importantly the community that we serve, we wish to express our support for the Capital Grant for funding to renovate St. Jude's kitchen.

The prepared meals that have been donated to the St. Matthew's House Seniors Program has had some enormous impacts for many of our clients. Services such as Emergency Food Deliveries, Eviction Prevention, Housing Supports, Virtual Seniors Centre, Mobile Markets, Senior Navigation Support and our Street Outreach Team all benefit from this collaboration. Ensuring nutritious and prepared ready to eat meals are on hand helps our clients fight barriers that some may not realize and we wouldn't be able to have those meals without the help of St. Jude!

While sadly, we have seen the impacts of the pandemic on vulnerable community members, we have also celebrated their resilience and gifts through this difficult time. Over the next year, we are building deeply affordable housing for Black and Indigenous seniors. We hope to have yet a deeper impact by contributing with an affordable housing solution in our neighbourhood.

We cannot do this, of course, without donors like you. We are honoured and grateful to write a letter of support that will help to continue this valuable donation. We at St. Matthew's House and especially the community that we serve thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly and with gratitude,

Renée Wetselaar,  
Executive Director