

Dear Wilf and our friends at Mount Royal Mennonite Church,

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks for the donation of the child-sized wheelchair to GGP. This chair will be used by our youngest clients while they wait through the many months it takes before they can be fitted for and receive their own chair.

Earlier today my colleague, Satanai, delivered the wheelchair to a young refugee family from Somalia. She shared with me how completely overwhelmed with appreciation and joy Mom was to receive the chair as it will mean so much to her to have extra freedom and mobility and I think it's clear that little Hamzi is as pleased as punch as well. Although he is unable to speak, the expression on his face speaks volumes.

Satanai described to me how completely different and infinitely better this new chair is than what they had been using. She told me that Mom is able to handle it easily and it means that she is now able to move Hamzi around without worrying so much that he will be slumped over and uncomfortable or worse, will slide all the way out. She celebrated the occasion by taking him outside for a walk.

It is unfortunate that our systems here in Canada, while exceptionally good in so very many ways, still leave gaps, especially when it comes to meeting the needs of some of our most vulnerable residents. Fortunately, there are passionate and caring individuals like you who are selfless in your willingness to help, and whose generosity makes a tangible impact in the lives of others. For this young family, it means the absolute world! As a single mother of three young children, including one with a significant disability, she will need to rely on the support and love of others for a good long while to come and it is clear that she wouldn't be able to cope but for the help of a caring community. With our help, she has begun building a new life here in Canada and she and her children—all her children—have a bright future here in their adoptive country.

With profound gratitude,



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