

SEASONS CENTRE
FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

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Tuesday March 14th, 2017

City of Barrie
Finance Department
Attn: Revenue & Taxation Supervisor
P.O. Box 400
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5

Dear Taxation Supervisor,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Rowley Ramey and I am the Managing Director of Seasons Centre for Grieving Children. I hold this position in a voluntary capacity for the past two years.

The center is a charitable organization serving the Barrie community since 1995, Seasons Centre for Grieving Children has been providing peer to peer support for children between the ages of 5 and 24 years who are grieving the death of an immediate family member. The Centre is founded on the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to grieve in a supportive and understanding environment.

There are no fees for our services. Children are able to attend programs regardless of their family's financial situation. Seasons Centre for Grieving Children receives no government funding and relies on the generous support of our community.

Seasons Centre supports over 500 children and youth annual and provides outreach support to local schools upon request.

The centre purchased a home in 2003 at 38 McDonald St which was zoned residential, however the city granted an zoning exception RM2Special in 2004 to permit the centre to operate.

I recently discovered via MPAC property assessment notice that 25% of our property taxes are being assessed commercially. Roll # 43 42 022 012 11100 0000 As such I applied for and received Charitable property taxation relief on the commercial portion of our property taxes for the 2016 taxation year in the amount of \$1227.99

I understand it is the cities policy that to qualify for a property tax rebate the city requires a form to be filed by no later than February for the previous year and I fully appreciate the reasons why. I also understand under the Property Taxpayers Act, 2000,

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S.O.2000, c. 25 – Bill 140 there may be provisions for extending deadlines. However, I am hoping that the city make an exception and permit us to file for back property tax relief for the year 2004 – 2015. While the total relief dollars we could potential receive is relatively notional to the cities overall budget expenditures it will make a significant impact on the centres bottom-line.

Please accept my appreciation in advance for your consideration and efforts made on behalf of the centre.

Yours truly,


Rowley Ramey
Managing Director
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