



## **Massey Centre and Humewood House – Working Together as One Organization**

We are excited to announce that the Boards of Directors of Humewood House Association and Massey Centre for Women have agreed to move forward with an amalgamation of our two organizations.

Humewood House and Massey Centre have a long history of service to our communities. By coming together into a single organization, we will provide stronger and expanded services that are vital to the wellbeing of vulnerable pregnant, parenting teens and their infants and children in Toronto.

Our journey together began in December 2020, when our Boards initiated formal and collaborative discussions to explore integration. Over the last four months, we have worked extensively to complete a thorough due diligence process to assess the risks and benefits of integration. The work confirmed that we have much in common and each brings many strengths to a new, amalgamated organization.

Our vision is to create an innovative and responsive organization that provides increased access to high quality services with more options that support the care and wellbeing of those we collectively serve. The amalgamation between us will ensure the essential services we provide are sustained on a sound footing into the future.

For the time being, our new agency is to be named The Massey Centre for Women with naming recognition for Humewood House at the 40 Humewood Drive location.

We are also pleased to inform you that Ekua Asabea Blair, currently the CEO of Massey Centre, has been appointed CEO for our new agency. Ekua is a recognized, visionary leader in our community who is firmly focused to meet the diverse needs of the clients and communities we serve together. Her extensive leadership experience will ensure stability and continuity as we transition through integration to a bright future. Marg Campbell, Interim ED at Humewood will continue with Humewood House until June 30, 2021.

Our Boards have agreed to the terms and conditions of the amalgamation. Our next step is to seek member approval of a formal Amalgamation Agreement. Our planned effective date for amalgamation is July 1, 2021, pending necessary approvals.

We will keep our staff, partners, donors, clients, and all stakeholders updated on our progress and the exciting changes we're making as we move through the process. Thank you for all of your support of brave young families who come to Massey Centre.

Sincerely,

Elena Simonetta  
Chair of the Board of Directors  
Humewood House Association

Jennifer Dockery  
President of the Board of Directors  
Massey Centre for Women