A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Music on a Mission – Family Service Ottawa's premier fundraising event!

We are thrilled that you are here this evening to join us in having fun and launching our next 100 years! Our agency was created by a small group of concerned citizens in November of 1914, and since then, FSO has championed advancements in public health that make people's lives better, working to ensure that mental health services are available to all. We have had the privilege of providing services to the people of our community, growing and innovating over the past 100 years as the needs of our community change. Initially created to provide social welfare to the poor of Ottawa, we have grown with the times into a vibrant multi-service organization focused on improving the mental health and emotional well- being of children, adults and their families.

Your support means so much to us - by attending this event, you are ensuring that we can continue to help so many of Ottawa's most vulnerable citizens - last year over 9,500 people used FSO's services. Although we receive funding from the provincial government, the City of Ottawa and United Way, it is simply not enough – the demand for service continues to grow, and recent funding cuts have made it harder than ever to keep up with our community's need. Over 70% of the people who use our services are living below the poverty line, and cannot afford to pay for the help they are seeking. Our goal for you tonight is to have fun while doing good- we hope you enjoy the evening, sharing laughs with your friends and family as you puzzle over who on earth sang that song….and at evening's end, feel all the better for knowing you have helped FSO continue to provide excellent services to so many. Together, we are building a city where families and individuals are strong and resilient.

Kathryn Ann Hill
Executive Director
Family Services Ottawa

PS - If you would like to make a donation to FSO, please visit our website: http://familyservicesottawa.org/donate, and click on the red DONATE button