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## **Re: Testimony in support of Horse Whispering Youth Program**

We welcome the opportunity to provide this testimony to Horse Whispering Youth Program (HWYP) in support of their future grant applications and fundraising endeavours.

At Bravehearts, we support HWYP's unique approach to addressing the diverse needs of youth & families. Their equine-assisted programs enhance the personal growth, well-being, and overall development of participants in a safe, natural, and outdoor environment.

I have personally been able to attend the groups that HWYP runs and see firsthand the work they do with people. The space is beautiful and the work enlightening. The value that attending one of their groups can add to a young persons life is immeasurable. To have this option as a young person who would not have had this opportunity otherwise, if not for the funding, is value adding to not only the young peoples lives but the communities that they live in.

In my experience, the 10-week early intervention program has proven highly capable in quickly engaging troubled youth, diverting them away from anti-social/ criminal behaviour, helping them to engage positively with others and build self-confidence and resilience. The program also works well with existing mental health services for youth and individuals requiring additional support from the community.

Yours sincerely,

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