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*Message from the Honourary Chair 2010*

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I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Afternoon of Vintages and Jazz hosted by the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region.

Over the years, as a Member of Provincial Parliament, as Minister of Community and Social Services and as a resident of York Region, I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the work of the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario.

In 2009-10, I had the privilege of leading the independent review of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* which brought me in contact with many representatives from the LDAO. The LDAO provided me with much valuable insight into how the issue of accessibility applies to people with learning disabilities.

Much work remains to be done in order to achieve full accessibility in Ontario by 2025. The LDAO is a critical leader in the campaign to move the accessibility agenda forward.

It is my pleasure, as Honorary Chair for this year's events, to thank the volunteers and staff members who have organized these festivities. I wish everyone involved with the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region the very best for the future.

Sincerely,



Charles Beer