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## **CEO Ann Bilodeau Discusses the Need for Affordable Housing at the Intentional Community Consortium (ICC) Press Conference on Parliament Hill**

OTTAWA, ON – **March 20th, 2024** – On Tuesday, March 19th, our CEO Ann Bilodeau attended the Intentional Community Consortium’s annual 'Day on the Hill' event on Parliament Hill featuring an MP Reception followed by a press conference on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

At the press conference, Ann Bilodeau spoke on behalf of the Intentional Community Consortium (ICC) in partnership with the Provincial Network on Developmental Services, Reena, Community Living Toronto and OASIS joined by individuals with lived experiences and organizations who share the same commitment in advocating for the need for affordable and deeply affordable housing.

In her speech, Ann addressed the importance of the National Housing Strategy and the need for deeply affordable and supportive housing options for people with Developmental Disabilities throughout Canada.

The Developmental Services (DS) sector remains particularly vulnerable to housing instability and insecurity despite a strong commitment from organizations like KW Habilitation across the country.

"Might I suggest that we can do better?," says Ann Bilodeau, "As a country, we have an obligation to ensure that the most vulnerable Canadians have housing that is safe, accessible, and deeply affordable."

At KW Habilitation, we believe there are solutions, and that together with the help of our Government at events like the ICC’s ‘Day on the Hill’, we can continue to inspire and encourage more creative ways to provide affordable housing in our communities.

“A community where everyone belongs and participates”

Watch the Full Press Conference [here](#)

**About the ICC:**

The ICC represents a coalition of 34 organizations from Ontario and Quebec, united in their mission to address the affordable housing crisis faced by people with diverse abilities. Beyond mere housing provision; members of the ICC are equally dedicated to enhancing support services and fostering community engagement.

For more information on the ICC visit: <https://intentionalcommunities.ca/>

**About KW Habilitation:**

KW Habilitation is a local not-for-profit organization that provides a wide range of individualized services and supports to children with any special need and adults with developmental disabilities. We believe that a good life is fostered through early learning supports, inclusive living services, community involvement, and employment supports.

Our work is guided by our Vision Statement: “***A community where everyone belongs and participates***” and by our Mission Statement: “***Together with our community, KW Habilitation inspires abilities to enrich the lives of children, youth, adults and families***”.