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Dear Mayor Acchione and Members of Woodstock City Council,

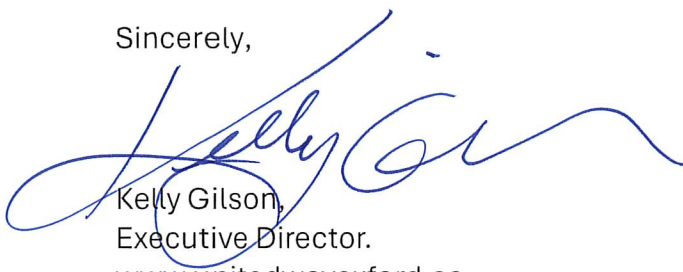
United Way Oxford is hosting our 20<sup>th</sup> Student Stairclimb on Thursday, November 7, 2024 (snow date November 14, 2024) at the Reeves Community Complex. The event begins at 10:00 AM with set-up starting at 7:45 AM and ending at 12:00 Noon. The Student Stairclimb has become a part of the culture of all of each of the Oxford County High Schools, bringing over 1000 students together annually to raise funds to support our investments focused toward children, youth and family services across our community. Those vital programs include the nutritious snack program in each of our schools, student literacy/education programs, youth mentoring programs such as those provided by Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Fusion Youth Centre and the Navy League and Sea Cadets, and youth mental health services just to name a few. Since it's inception, high school participants in United Way Oxford's Student Stairclimb have raised over \$430,000 to benefit our community!

United Way Oxford has been directed to ask for you to approve the donated use of the Reeves Community Complex for the event. The Stairclimb event takes place in the Red Pad arena of the Complex. Our set-up requirements are minimal – a few tables and chairs, the use of the sound system and the red carpets. We have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with the staff at the Complex throughout the years, and they are very familiar with the event. Additionally, we ensure there are many volunteers at the event and we all gladly assist with the clean-up following the Stairclimb.

City of Woodstock staff have reviewed and approved (pending Council approval) this request.

We are requesting City Council approval for the 2024 United Way Oxford Student Stairclimb. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director.  
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