



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

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Joe Roberts
Push For Change Campaign

“Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.” – Nelson Mandela

Dear Joe Roberts:

On behalf of the City of Windsor and my colleagues on Windsor City Council, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome as your journey takes you through Windsor and Essex County this month as part of *The Push for Change* campaign.

Taking place during National Youth Homelessness Awareness Month, your 9,000-kilometre, 517-day journey across Canada is raising awareness and funds for ending youth homelessness. I understand that, over the course of your trek, you will have passed through 400 communities, and that the Windsor-Essex leg of your journey will take place on Days 206 – 208. We are truly honoured to have you travel through our community as part of this important initiative.

While you are in Windsor, you will engage with Windsor youth, several schools, community organizations and individuals who share your goals of helping young people break through their most difficult barriers to truly create change and end youth homelessness.

By opening up and sharing your own personal story, you are inspiring the youngest among us to see hope and options in a world where it can feel like the odds are stacked against them. Thank you for the gift of your time and energy, for being selfless in your actions and motivations, and for raising awareness and encouraging conversations about a struggle that is real in communities all across Canada, and around the world.

I wish you good health and great success as you push for change.

Sincerely,



Drew Dilkens