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Ms. Shannon Edmonstone and
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Dear Ms. Edmonstone and Ms. MacDonald:

Deputy Minister Judith Wright, Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport, has asked me to respond on her behalf to your letter of October 6, 2011, regarding the Nutrition Resource Centre (NRC). We appreciate receiving your correspondence.

In 2009, the ministry initiated changes among the resource centres to streamline their focus and coordination, and to ensure their alignment with ministry priorities and the needs of health promoters. The NRC's strategic planning is part of this larger transformation process, and will help inform future direction. Your views and concerns will certainly be taken into consideration as the ministry continues to work with the resource centres to build an effective, comprehensive and integrated system to support health promoters throughout the province.

We commend the efforts of the NRC over the many years, and as the staff continue to provide services and program supports throughout the strategic planning process. In August, the NRC informed clients about their intention to continue coordinating the four healthy eating provincial programs/resources, their scope and level of activity. The NRC has indicated that they are redefining their work to better serve clients based on priorities of the ministry. If you have not already done so, you may want to contact NRC to express your interest in providing input into their strategic planning process. Ms. Cindy Scythes, NRC Manager, can be reached at 416-367-3313, extension 250.

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Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to express your views. We appreciate your commitment to supporting the practice of public health nutrition in Ontario.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a long horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

Steve Harlow
Assistant Deputy Minister