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Chrysalis Fundraiser Breakfast

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**Honourable Naresh Bhardwaj, Associate Minister of Services for
Persons with Disabilities, Human Services**

Good morning everyone!

It's fantastic to be here with you today to celebrate the accomplishments of Chrysalis in supporting community inclusion for hundreds of people with developmental disabilities.

I want to congratulate the leadership and staff of Chrysalis for their outstanding work.

As Associate Minister of Services for Persons with Disabilities, I have been travelling around the province to learn about the successes and challenges of individuals and families.

I have been motivated by what I have heard.

And I am very impressed by the professionalism and compassion of service providers such as Chrysalis.

Lynn Groves-Hautmann [HOT-MAN] and Maureen Murphy Black have been excellent leaders and partners and I want to thank them for their example of collaboration, advocacy and support for people with disabilities.

Our government is committed to providing the supports needed so that every Albertan can be successful.

That is why we are moving toward a new, streamlined system of disability supports.

One that is designed to help Albertans with disabilities and their families be actively involved in and supported by one disability program throughout their lives.

Part of this approach is establishing stronger support for individuals to use their skills.

Whether it is through volunteer work or recreation activities, every person with a disability should be able to be successfully included in their communities.

Chrysalis has had great successes in providing these types of supports – and with every achievement – is helping to create a province where everyone has the opportunity to achieve their goals.

These are exciting times and there are a lot of great things already underway.

I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to build on this momentum.

My thanks to Chrysalis for bringing us together today.

That includes a thank you to the volunteers, support workers, employers and donors who are giving of themselves to improve the lives of others.

You have all made a great difference in supporting individuals with disabilities to live inclusive lives.

My best wishes for a successful fundraiser and continued success in improving outcomes for people with disabilities.

Thank you and have a wonderful day.