

We all want to communicate.



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ALSO
404 McArthur Ave
Ottawa, ON K1K1G8
Attention Kim Oastler, Executive Director

Dear Kim,

On behalf of Silent Voice Canada Inc., I offer his letter of support of the ASL RAPP project, the creation of a web portal for ASL RAPP and your obtaining the copyright permissions to sell the ASL RAPP packs.

Founded in 1975, Silent Voice provides services to Deaf adults, youth, children and their families in an American Sign Language (ASL) environment and is dedicated to improving communication and relationships between Deaf and hearing family members and Deaf and hearing members of our community. There are three streams of services offered by Silent Voice:

- Deaf Adult Services, which include one-to-one support, settlement services, tax clinic, housing resource centre, financial literacy education and Deaf Parenting Program
- Child and Family Services, which include Deaf children and youth sports, recreation and leadership programming, Sign Language Summer Program day camp, and the Family Communication Program where Deaf instructors of ASL go to families' homes to teach ASL to hearing family members of a Deaf child
- ASL language development services of the Ontario Infant Hearing Program, a provincial program that provides ASL development to infants and young children and their families

There is a critical shortage of resources in ASL for families that wish to develop their ASL skills and improve communication and engagement in their homes. The ASL RAPP project showcases renowned Deaf ASL storytellers and introduces families to Deaf adults, ASL, ASL literature, and child/parent activities.

Silent Voice would be interested in providing access to the ASL RAPP packs or a membership to the web portal to our families. Families in the GTA and across the province are looking for resources that are accessible, easy to use, fun and educational, and most importantly are authentic.

We are excited about ALSO upscaling the ASL RAPP project and reaching out to families and programs across Ontario, and we congratulate the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its support of your project.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly MacKenzie".

Kelly MacKenzie
Executive Director, Silent Voice Canada Inc.

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