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Next Steps for the Campaign to *End Waitlists Now*

To Campaign Supporters,

Thank you so much for all of your support. Because of you, and the hundreds of emails, phone calls and letters you sent to the Premier during the Virtual Rally weekend, we believe the campaign has been a huge success. The BC Government announced on February 17, 2009 that it will be investing \$73 million in new funding over the next three years for adults with developmental disabilities. A further \$38 million has been invested in children and youth with special needs. In addition, another \$12.9 million will be allocated over the next two years to providing needed supports to vulnerable adults who are deemed ineligible for services because their I.Q. is above 70.

**I am writing to you now because there is still work to
be done.**

We are heading into turbulent economic times. Many economists are saying that the provincial deficit could be double what was projected. Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that the new community living investments are protected and that children and youth with special needs, adults with developmental disabilities and their families are provided with the supports and services they need to participate in community.

Right now, we think it is important to acknowledge the BC Government for announcing the investment in the budget. Our next job is to make sure it stays there.

The campaign organizers will be meeting to discuss next steps and we will be in touch with you again in the next several weeks.

Thanks again. Your voice did make a difference!

Resources:

Read [BCACL's press release here](#).

Laney Bryenton and BCACL Board Member Michael Prince were in Victoria at the Budget Lockup on February 17, and were able to conduct an analysis of the budget. [Read the preliminary analysis here](#). You can also visit the [budget section](#) of the BC Government's website for more details [here](#).

If you haven't had a chance to read the many personal stories and messages on the blog, you can still do so. Please visit www.endwaitlists-now.org to see the City TV coverage of the campaign press conference and to continue to comment and share stories.

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