

**The Honourable Kevin Falcon  
Minister of Health Services  
Victoria, BC**

Dear Minister Falcon:

**Re: The Looking Glass Foundation**

The Looking Glass Foundation is dedicated to providing a world-class residential care centre for the treatment of adolescents with eating disorders. It is working to create a safe and secure environment where suffering adolescents can work together with the support of their families and professionals to overcome this devastating affliction.

The Looking Glass Foundation was co-founded in 2002 by dedicated parents seeking improved care for their loved ones suffering from this life-threatening disease. Eating disorders affect over 200,000 individuals in BC alone and have the highest mortality rate of all mental illnesses. With this in mind something must be done – and it must be done soon.

The Foundation has purchased a facility on Galiano Island and will open Canada's first residential treatment facility for adolescents with eating disorders in early 2010. This enterprise will create partnerships and opportunities for research in the medical, nursing and psychology fields at the Universities and Colleges throughout BC. By complementing programs currently available, this facility will save lives, lessen the burden on scarce hospital resources and reduce the long-term impact of the illness with early intervention, which studies show to be very effective. The need for a facility of this nature is long overdue. To dismiss eating disorders is no longer an option. It is a real and deadly disease and, like any serious medical condition, it needs serious attention to be cured.

We are seeking your Ministry's support, financially and otherwise, for the Looking Glass Foundation's efforts to meet this important need. We hope you will be able to respond favourably.

Thank you.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Phone:**