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CHILD WELFARE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE LAUNCHES

TORONTO – This week, the Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada (Child Welfare PAC) formally launched its advocacy activities at Queen's Park to compel politicians to redesign the child protection system so that youth succeed after care.

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Joined by Irwin Elman, the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, and Wendy Miller, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, the Child Welfare PAC called on the Government of Ontario to break the cycle of tragic youth outcomes that have not improved in 40 years. These outcomes include:

- low academic achievement
- unemployment, underemployment, and poverty
- homelessness and housing insecurity
- criminal justice system involvement
- early parenthood
- poor physical and mental health
- loneliness

The Child Welfare PAC consists of resilient individuals with lived experience in child protection systems across Canada. Alongside mayors, lawyers, journalists, therapists, business leaders and academics, all with lived experience within child protection systems across Canada, the Child Welfare PAC called on the Government of Ontario to redesign the child protection system so that it is evidence-based and outcomes focused to ensure every child has a bright future.

Quotes:

"We were not exceptions when we left the system and had to fight our way out of the many cruel outcomes youth experience after care. But it does not have to be that way. That is why our group assembled. The system can and must do better." – Jane Kovarikova, Founder and President of the Child Welfare PAC, PhD candidate at Western University and former youth-in-care.

"Ontario must systematically track what happens to young people after they leave care to understand if its policies and reforms have been effective. The solutions to a better system are in the data." - Jane Kovarikova

About Child Welfare PAC:

The Child Welfare PAC is a federally incorporated not-for-profit that advocates for a progressive child welfare system by providing real-life expertise, informed research, and effective advocacy so that all youth can realize their success.

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