



**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FOR
THE HONOURABLE SUE STULTZ**

**Minister of Social Development
Minister responsible for Seniors, Housing and
Community Non-Profit Organizations**

**Well-Tuned: Music Players for Health Program
Pilot Project– Atlantic Institute on Aging
Fredericton**

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Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to congratulate the Atlantic Institute on Aging, which is based in New Brunswick, for receiving a grant to implement a pilot of the Well-Tuned: Music Players for Health Program.

This grant provides seniors with MP3 players so they may receive the benefits of music therapy.

I am proud to say Mr. Speaker that the Atlantic Institute for Aging is the only Canadian recipient of this grant and it's one of 15 sites for this pilot in all of North America. Mr. Speaker, the institute is also conducting the pilot project in both French and English.

In New Brunswick, there are 50 residents participating in this pilot across three nursing homes: Drew Nursing Home in Sackville, Foyer Notre-Dame de Saint-Léonard in Saint-Léonard and York Care Centre in Fredericton.

Mr. Speaker, studies have shown that seniors can benefit greatly from music therapy. Through this pilot project, customized playlists are created with input from patients and loved ones then loaded onto the music players so patients

can connect with the music they love, improving their overall health and well-being.

Playlists can be created for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, Parkinson's disease and many other illnesses.

Mr. Speaker, on June 4th, in Fredericton, the Atlantic Institute on Aging will present the preliminary results of the pilot's progress at the 2012 Music Care Conference.

I would ask my colleagues on both sides of the house to join me in congratulating the Atlantic Institute on Aging for participating in this innovative program and improving the lives of our seniors in a profound way with something as simple as music.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.