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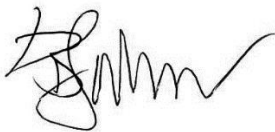
Dear friends of the *Journal*,

It's been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Editorial Board and Editor of the *OACAS Journal* for the past five years. As I move on from my role at the OACAS next month, I will also be passing along my duties at the *Journal*. Therefore, this issue marks my last in my current capacities.

The *Journal* has grown over the years to become a leading source of information on child welfare research and practice. I am confident that it will continue to grow and cover an even larger array of current and relevant topics that will provide child welfare professionals with points for reflection and discussion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with this publication over the years. To those who wrote articles, to current and past members of our editorial board, and to all the *Journal* readers, thank you for your contributions. It has been a great honour to work with such a dedicated group of people. I will be staying on in the child welfare sector and plan on continuing to support the *Journal* as an active reader, and hopefully as a future contributor.

Sincerely,



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