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Halloway Developments Leads the Way with a Large Gift to Building on the Best

The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre has received a gift of \$250,000 toward the Building on the Best Expansion Campaign from Halloway Developments

(Whitby, ON. – March, 2022 – Local building and developing corporation, Halloway Developments Limited has joined The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre on their quest to expand their current heritage site to meet the demands of a growing type 1 diabetes community. With a history of supporting the centre, Halloway has set the pace with a gift of \$250,000 for the Building on the Best expansion campaign.

The Best Centre announced the Building on the Best campaign and the \$5 million goal this past May. The centre is working with its volunteers to raise funds to renovate and expand its patient counselling space. The building expansion includes construction of a new reception and resource area that will connect the two existing structures, as well as renovation of the main house.

“Halloway is a long-time supporter of our centre and their donation to the campaign confirms their devotion to our mission and our growth” said Lorrie Hagen, Executive Director, The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre. “Expanding patient access to our site is a necessity; we expect demand to double in the next five years.”

Halloway Developments Limited has been a leader in the Durham Region building community for decades. They have owned and operated many properties in Durham, they frequently give back to the community. “The Best Centre is a renowned healthcare facility with unique programs and services for patients and families living with type 1 diabetes” said Beth Kelly, of Halloway Developments. “We are proud to support the growth of the Best Centre, as the demand for their expertise rises”.

Halloway Developments also has a long-standing personal connection with The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre. “As a patient of the Best Centre myself, I’ve seen first hand the importance of the support and education that is provided for type 1 patients” said William Kelly, of Halloway Developments. “Being a part of this community means giving back to charitable organizations that serve our residents: that is what the Best Centre does”.

The Building on the Best campaign has been moving along at a great pace even throughout the pandemic. All being well they hope to start construction by the end of 2022.

About the Building on the Best Expansion

The Building on the Best Campaign goal of \$5 million will allow for a renovation of the two existing structures and an addition of a supplementary conjoining space. Upon completion, the new centre will have full first floor accessibility, 18 patient counselling spaces, a new large event and education space, 6 meeting rooms, and an additional clinic room with new children’s play areas.

About the Halloway Developments

Halloway Developments Limited is a real estate development company that continues to create new places to live and play in and around Durham Region.

About The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre

The Best Centre delivers one-of-a-kind patient centred healthcare exclusive to type 1 diabetes. As Canada's only stand-alone centre and charitable organization specializing in type 1 diabetes, the staff provides highly responsive and individualized care. The interdisciplinary care team includes registered nurses, dietitians and social workers who provide frontline healthcare and education throughout patients' lifetime.

Quick Facts

- Type 1 diabetes is an incurable, complex disease. It must be managed 24-hour a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Without insulin, death is certain.
- Type 1 diabetes is a disease in which the pancreas does not produce any insulin. Insulin is an essential hormone that is required to control the level of glucose (sugar) in the blood.
- The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre sees almost 2,000 patients and conducts more than 20,000 healthcare interactions per year to support patients living with type 1 diabetes.
- Roughly 5-10 % of people living with diabetes have type 1 diabetes, insulin-dependent diabetes. Type 1 diabetes generally develops in childhood or adolescence but is also diagnosed in adulthood. People with type 1 need to inject insulin or use an insulin pump to ensure their bodies have the right amount of insulin to survive.

Associated Links

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