



Building on the Best News

January 2023

Building on the Best Campaign has raised \$2,469,135

The Building on the Best campaign launched to raise \$5 million to expand the current Best Centre.

The demand for our services has seen a 15% increase every year for a decade and is expected to double by 2027.



A Message from Our Executive Director

I hope this finds you well rested and ready for the new year.

On behalf of all of the staff and volunteers at The Best Centre, thank you for helping to make 2022 a successful year for our first ever building campaign.

We have many volunteers and multiple committees working diligently to spread awareness and secure financial support.

This expansion is crucial; we have already seen a major increase in demand, which we will be able to manage with more space and staff in the coming years.

Many thanks to every person who cares about people living with type 1 diabetes.

We are getting closer to breaking ground, at over 50% goal raised. Please consider how you and your community could help us get all the way there!

Thank you.

Best in health,

Lorrie Hagen, Executive Director



Why We Give: The Quinlan Family

When our 7-year-old daughter Ella was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes it felt like our entire world came crashing down in an instant. We were devastated at the words that our little girl

would have to live her entire life with this disease and there was nothing we could do to fix it.

Those first few weeks were some of the toughest days our family has ever been through. Watching our little girl adjust to her new life was absolutely heart breaking. The Best Centre was there every step of the way. Nurse Sandy was our first contact and she completely eased our minds and made us feel like “we got this”. That care and compassion is the same today as it was her first day of diagnoses. The staff go above and beyond, and are always there for any of our concerns or hiccups! The entire team at the Best Centre truly is amazing and we are ever so grateful we have them to help keep our daughter healthy.



Thank You

Our Committees

Thank you to our dedicated committees of volunteers who worked year-round to support the Building on the Best Campaign.

Cabinet: Fred Eismont (Chair), Dr. Gary Polonsky (Campaign Advisor), William Kelly, Larry Harding, Allison Doyle, Marlene Grass, Serge Babin, Lorrie Hagen

Leadership Gift: Serge Babin (Chair), Ian Robertson, Russel White, Lorrie Hagen

Community Division: William Kelly (Chair), Marlene Grass, Mary Todd, David Murphy, Marnie Bach, Kristen Garland, Christopher Robertson, Nen Shieh, Ryan Jeffrey

A Year of Events 2022

The Best Centre hosted and partnered with other community organizations to hold events in support of Building on the Best.

Community Fundraisers



Building on the Best Community Division members came together in June 2022 to host a yard sale at the Best Centre. A second yard sale took place in September at the Columbus Community Church. Volunteers joined Marlene at both events to raise funds in support of Building on the Best.

On November 19th the Best Centre partnered again with the Columbus Community Church at their inaugural Outdoor Winter Market. We hosted a BBQ and a photo centre at Santa's Workshop. It was a wonderful day that we look forward to next year.

Special thanks to all volunteers and donors that gave their time, items, and support to the 2022 community events.

Raised: \$2,800

Golf Ball Drop

Leading up to August 11th, this unique golf ball raffle was



sold to the community. Balls were then dropped from a helicopter over Royal Ashburn Golf Club's putting green and the closest ball to the hole won a helicopter ride for up to 6 people. Congratulations to Linda Treen and the Oshawa Community Credit Union.

Loads of thanks to event supporters Colin Quinlan (Right at Home Realty), Scott Patterson (Royal Ashburn Golf Club) and Muligan International for their donation of golf balls.

Raised: \$5,000

National Diabetes Awareness Month



November is Diabetes Awareness Month. It is a time to share stories and raise awareness about living with diabetes to make the public aware of how important it is to mague this life-threatening disease.

To celebrate National Diabetes Awareness Month, we partnered with the very generous Quinlan family to raise funds in support of Building on the Best. The Quinlan's matched community donations throughout November, dollar-for-dollar.

Thank you to all that donated and a special thanks to the Quinlan Family and our friends at CKDO.

**CKDO
Interview**

CKDO Interview

Raised: \$125, 500

Our Supporters

We sincerely thank all of our amazing donors who gave to the Building on the Best Expansion Campaign.

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PIONEERS

Larry Harding



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