



**Lakeridge
Health**

October 5, 2021

Re: Building on the Best Capital Expansion Campaign

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to express Lakeridge Health's support of the **Building on the Best** capital expansion campaign at The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre. The Best Centre has been an integral part of the local healthcare system for over 20 years and has a world-renowned reputation for healthcare innovation and excellence.

Because most of the Durham Region residents who are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes are referred directly to the Centre, Lakeridge Health continues to rely on the Best Centre for their knowledge and level of expertise to better manage and care for the residents diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

The established partnership between Lakeridge Health and the Best Centre continues to have a positive impact on our healthcare system, medical and nursing staff, primary care, community care and to those individuals diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Recognizing that this partnership also reduces hospital admissions which improves acute care capacity.

The Best Centre continues to be an esteemed leader in type 1 diabetes expertise and is dedicated to keeping patients healthy through education and support, for everyone involved in their care. Lakeridge Health would like to keep The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre as a leader for type 1 diabetes as it is "the only Centre of its kind."

Thank you for your consideration.

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