

Fed Government Accessibility Grant Builds on the Best

Whitby's Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre receives \$87k for renos

(Whitby, ON. – 30, November) – The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre (Best Centre) announced that it is the recipient of a \$87,770 grant from Employment and Social Development Canada. The grant will contribute to the centre's expansion plans by installing a new ramp and new entry door as well as renovating the existing hallway and washroom to allow for full accessibility.

"We are thrilled the Federal government is contributing to our expansion with support to making the Best Centre fully accessible," said Lorrie Hagen, Executive Director at The Charles H. Best Centre. "We expect that the Best Centre will nearly double its patient demand in the next 5 years. This grant is one step further in our plan to expand."

The Best Centre is in the early planning stages of a \$5M *Building on the Best* campaign to expand and renovate its facilities. Without the life-saving care delivered by The Best Centre, type 1 diabetes patients would unnecessarily present with health complications to overburdened health system partners in the community. The Best Centre's mission is to keep children, youth and adults living with type 1 diabetes healthy until a cure is found. The healthcare educators provide an all-encompassing and lifelong approach driven by their vision and values.

"We are committed to treating all people in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence," said Serge Babin, Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre. "The grant and our Campaign ensure that our services and programs are accessible to all patients, staff, and volunteers, including those with disabilities."

About the Enabling Accessibility Fund

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) provides funding for projects to make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities. EAF aims to create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to take part in community activities, programs, and services, or to access employment.

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 clinical 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.
- The Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre sees almost 2,000 patients and conducts more than 9,200 healthcare interactions per year to support patients living with type 1 diabetes.
- Type 1 diabetes is a disease in which the pancreas does not produce any insulin. Insulin is an essential to help the body control the level of glucose (sugar) in the blood.
- Roughly 5-10 per cent of people living with diabetes have type 1 diabetes, insulin-dependent diabetes. Type 1 diabetes generally develops in childhood or adolescence but can also develop 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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