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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is with pleasure that we provide written confirmation of the support and commitment the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation at Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor, Ontario, has received from International Dragon Boats for the Cure.

Over the past seven years, the International Dragon Boats for the Cure Festival has raised \$1.1 million to purchase much needed life-saving equipment. As the festival continues to grow internationally, their mission remains focused on supporting local cancer centres and hospitals with the necessary funds to help fight breast cancer in our community.

The Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation (Charitable Registration No. 835092347 RR0001) is deeply appreciative of the International Dragon Boats for the Cure for the purchase of a Breast MRI machine, and for their \$500,000 pledge towards the introduction of a Digital Mammography program at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital. There is still much to be done in the area of diagnosing breast cancer and it is donations such as these that significantly support our efforts to complete the comprehensive care continuum at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital.

The introduction of a Digital Mammography program will afford our medical professionals the opportunity to screen patients faster, and provide a more detailed and accurate imaging - required to diagnose breast illness. Our hope is that such non-invasive studies will contribute to our progress in learning how to diagnose smaller size breast tumors.

This machine will be a vital addition to our breast screening program, and will allow our Radiologists to learn more about predicting the behaviour of tumors, and to develop a more precise course of treatment. As a result, we will be able to detect breast cancer at an earlier stage, which will save lives.

We are truly indebted to International Dragon Boats for the Cure for joining with us in our efforts to vault Windsor-Essex into a new dimension of breast screening, and for affording us the opportunity to greatly enhance the service options we provide to our patients.

Paddles Up!

Kim Spirou
Executive Director