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CNIB Rebuild Status Announcement

March 19, 2018 (Regina, SK) CNIB Saskatchewan announced today that the Province of Saskatchewan's Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) has endorsed the organization's plan for an extensive rebuild of their Regina facility, located on the northwest side of Wascana Park.

"We are very pleased to have received approval from the PCC for our rebuild project and are excited to be working with Brandt Developments as the developer," says Christall Beaudry, executive director, CNIB Saskatchewan Division in a press conference this morning. *"This new building will provide CNIB with a home for the future and we will no longer have to manage the cost of a crumbling infrastructure."*

A new home is not the only benefit the charity will gain from the new building; for CNIB's 6,400 Saskatchewan clients, the advantages will be many.

"This building will feature accessible design elements which will make it easier for people who are blind or partially sighted, like me, to navigate the layout and will serve as an example for other designers about the possibilities in accessible building design elements," says Ron Kruzeniski, CNIB's National Board Chair. *"Also, it is important for CNIB to remain in Wascana Park as it enhances the safety of service delivery to its clients when working on mobility instruction."*

In addition to the CNIB, Brandt has confirmed that the MS Society of Canada will also benefit from this important project.

"We saw this project as a way to give back to the community," says Shaun Semple, President, Brandt Group of Companies. *"Not only will this facility demonstrate how feasible it is to seamlessly incorporate accessible design features, it will also showcase the Wellness Centre of Excellence concept, which means that charities like CNIB and the MS Society, who address health issues within the Saskatchewan population, will be well-served within the building."*

"We are so pleased to be part of this innovative project along with CNIB and Brandt Developments," says Erin Kuan, President, Manitoba and Saskatchewan Divisions, MS Society of Canada. "This space will allow the MS Society to further our reach in Saskatchewan through enhanced collaboration and the sharing of resources with a like-minded charity, and will create an access point for the MS community to receive support while they manage their disease."

CNIB and Brandt will continue to work with PCC throughout the design and construction process to ensure all conditions are met in order to begin the rebuild.

About CNIB

CNIB is a registered charity, passionately providing community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure Canadians who are blind or partially sighted have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life.

The primary objective of CNIB is to create an inclusive, accessible, barrier-free society that provides the tools Canadians with vision loss require to live safe, fulfilling and independent lives. For more information, visit cnib.ca.

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