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We are pleased to provide this letter of support for the United Way's Connection Centre project.

As a provider of both inpatient and outpatient mental health and addictions services, we at Huron Health System recognize that individuals face complex social, economic and health-related challenges that extend beyond the traditional healthcare system. Accessing the right supports can be difficult, particularly for those experiencing mental health concerns, financial hardship, housing instability, social isolation, or other barriers to well-being. The Connection Centre represents an innovative and collaborative approach to addressing these challenges by creating a centralized, accessible hub where individuals can be connected to the services and resources they need. By strengthening navigation across health, social and community services, the Connection Centre has the potential to improve client experiences, reduce service fragmentation and ensure individuals receive timely and appropriate support.

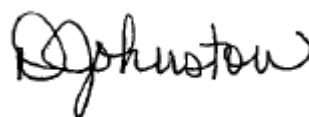
The Connection Centre initiative closely aligns with Huron Health System's commitment to person-centred, integrated care. Our Community Mental Health Services team partners with local agencies to address gaps in care that significantly influence mental wellness and recovery. We recognize that effective care extends beyond clinical treatment and depends on strong partnerships, coordinated service delivery and seamless pathways between organizations. Undoubtedly, a Connection Centre will complement existing services and foster stronger collaboration across sectors. We believe this model will enhance the capacity of our community to respond to the diverse and evolving needs of Huron County residents. AMGH values and appreciates the United Way leadership in bringing organizations together to improve community well-being. We are supportive of this initiative and look forward to continuing to collaborate as the project evolves.

We are confident that the Connection Centre will strengthen the network of supports available to residents and contribute to healthier, more connected communities.

Sincerely,



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