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To: Ontario Trillium Foundation

Re: Letter of Support for Devi Mandir Auditorium Renovation and Elevator Modernization Project

On behalf of Lotus Funeral and Cremation Centre Inc., we are pleased to provide our strong support for the proposed auditorium renovation and elevator modernization project at Devi Mandir.

Lotus Funeral and Cremation Centre Inc. has partnered with Devi Mandir to deliver community information sessions focused on the importance of advance planning, health preparedness, and understanding cultural practices surrounding end-of-life care. These educational sessions provide families and seniors with valuable information in a trusted, culturally familiar environment.

The Mandir's auditorium serves as an important gathering space that enables open dialogue, education, and community engagement on topics that are often difficult but essential. Attendance at these sessions has included seniors, caregivers, and multi-generational families seeking guidance in a respectful and supportive setting.

Modernizing the elevator will significantly enhance accessibility for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges, ensuring equitable participation in educational programs. Renovating the auditorium will improve safety, functionality, and overall comfort for attendees, strengthening the Mandir's ability to host important community learning initiatives.

As a community partner, we recognize the vital role that Devi Mandir plays as a central and trusted hub serving families across Durham Region and the eastern Greater Toronto Area. Investment in accessible and modern infrastructure will directly support inclusive participation and continued delivery of meaningful community education programs.

We respectfully encourage the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kamal Bhardwaj", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kamal Bhardwaj

President

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