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On behalf of the cancer support community of Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka, I am pleased to provide this letter of reference in support of Bertram Construction (Ontario) Ltd.

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka provides a program of social and emotional support for all whose lives have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis. Our entire program of cancer support operates out of our Clubhouse, complete with its signature Red Door. Bertram Construction is the very reason that this Red Door, this Clubhouse opened in May of 2010 and receives over 10,000 annual visits for cancer support.

Bertram Construction played an integral role in our coming to exist as a cancer support community. Following an exhaustive and highly successful capital campaign, we looked to our partners, our friends at Bertram Construction to bring our vision to reality. With many of the community eagerly anticipating our opening, our desire to honour the generous gifts of so many supporters, we broke ground in Spring of 2009 and I am pleased to share that Bertram Construction kept us on track and delivered our being able to welcome our first program participants that following May.

It was an absolute pleasure to work with the many organizational levels of Bertram Construction. They were consummate professionals who truly became friends. We were touched time and time again by the ways in which they went above and beyond; patiently accommodated changes in design; kept us apprised of unexpected challenges; and expressed a genuine desire to truly understand how the space would be used. It was a labour of love for them as it was for us. The personal stories many of the crew shared of how their lives had been impacted by cancer, the messages they wrote into the very beams and drywall, filled our Clubhouse with that extra something special. We are forever grateful.

Without reservation, the cancer support community recommends Bertram Construction (Ontario) Ltd. and thanks them for being such a special part of our history and in our continued ability to make a difference in the lives of those impacted by cancer.

Warm regards,

Kristen Dawson

CEO

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*So that no one faces cancer alone*