

# Payworks delivers \$500,000 to support addictions recovery

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**October 13, 2020 – Winnipeg, Manitoba** – Payworks hand-delivered a \$500,000 cheque to the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre today, acutely aware that its promise to support the centre is needed now more than ever.

“As we all know, this pandemic has affected society in so many ways; for those also struggling with addiction, the challenges are that much greater,” said Payworks CEO JP Perron as he and the recovery centre’s co-founder Scott Oake toured media through the construction site for the first time since the groundbreaking.

“This centre is so crucial to our community,” Perron said. “We’ve made this donation to support the creation of a Residents’ Lounge at the Centre because the importance of community and a sense of belonging within the healing process can’t be overstated. Having a place like this is vital to the well-being of both those experiencing addiction and their loved ones.”

Two years ago, Payworks was the first Manitoba organization to make a large commit to the project when Anne and Scott Oake and their son Darcy Oake started their mission to build a treatment centre in memory of their 25-year-old son and brother Bruce, who died of a drug overdose in 2011.

“The amount of money we needed to raise to make the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre a reality initially seemed overwhelming. We are grateful to Payworks for being the first Manitoba-based company to make such a large-scale commitment, because it kickstarted a chain reaction of donations. Payworks’ donation was both timely and inspiring. It got the ball rolling in our Capital Campaign,” Scott Oake said today.

The fundraising campaign for the non-profit long-term treatment centre is at 95%, or \$15 million, towards its \$16 million goal.

“We hope that other corporations will help close this fundraising gap for the sake of their staff and their families, and all Manitobans,” said Perron.

**Bruce Oake Recovery Centre:** *The Bruce Oake Recovery Centre is a long-term, residential treatment centre for adult males suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. The Bruce Oake Recovery Centre operates as a registered not-for-profit organization with charitable status. The Bruce Oake Recovery Centre provides addiction treatment as well as the resources and skills necessary to successfully re-enter society. There is a significant need for a treatment facility of this nature in Winnipeg and Manitoba. Existing treatment facilities have waiting lists in excess of a month or more. We aim to significantly reduce the wait for treatment to those in need.*

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