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Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre Marks a Major Milestone in Recovery Services for Women and Children

Winnipeg, MB – The Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation is proud to announce the groundbreaking of the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre, an innovative facility that will provide essential recovery services for women and their children. The ceremony, held today on land located on **Snow Street**, signifies a critical step toward expanding Manitoba's recovery resources for families impacted by addiction.

The Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre is modeled after the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre and will be dedicated to offering women the chance to heal while keeping their families together. With a commitment to supporting recovery through family-centered care, the centre will provide a safe environment for both mothers and their children.

Ron MacLean hosted the event, joined by **Premier Wab Kinew**, **Scott Oake**, President of the Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation, and the newly announced Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, **Mrs. Bonnie Buhler**, The Honourable **Gary Doer**, OM, and **Josh Morrissey** of the Winnipeg Jets.

In his remarks, Scott Oake expressed gratitude for the community's support and the importance of this next step:

"Today's groundbreaking is the realization of a long-held dream to offer vital recovery services to women and their children. This centre will provide a safe and supportive environment where families can heal together. We are deeply grateful for the community's belief in this vision and the support that has made this possible."

Premier Wab Kinew spoke on behalf of the Province of Manitoba, emphasizing the government's commitment to supporting mental health and recovery services in the province:

"Our government, like all Manitobans, wants folks with addictions to get the help they need to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives. We're glad to partner with the Oake family to support their vision for the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre, allowing women to pursue recovery while staying with their children. Along with a new Victoria ER and re-opened Mature Women's Centre, this centre is a great fit with our overall vision for the Victoria campus and will provide much needed supports for families."



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The Foundation also announced the leadership of the Capital Campaign to ensure the centre's success. The campaign will be led by **Mrs. Bonnie Buhler**, The Honourable **Gary Doer**, OM, and **Josh Morrissey**.

Honourable Gary Doer, former Premier of Manitoba, shared the importance of this initiative:

"This is about more than building a centre—it's about creating hope and opportunities for recovery for Manitoba families. We look forward to working with the community to bring this vision to life."

Josh Morrissey, reflecting on his role, said:

"I'm honored to be a part of this meaningful project that will provide essential services to families in need. The Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre will have a lasting impact on our community."

The Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre will provide residential recovery services tailored specifically to women and their children, offering vital programming and support for long-term recovery.

For more information about the Anne Oake Family Recovery Centre and how you can support this life-changing initiative, please visit www.bruceoakefoundation.com or contact events@bruceandanneoakefdn.com.

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About the Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation:

The Bruce and Anne Oake Memorial Foundation was established to provide barrier-free access to recovery services in memory of Bruce and Anne Oake. The Foundation is committed to supporting individuals and families on their recovery journeys through the creation of community-focused recovery centers.