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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Helping Hands Soup Kitchen in Brandon, Manitoba, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Brandon Islamic Centre in connection with its current and future applications for grant funding. We understand that stable funding is essential for the Centre to continue and expand its religious, educational, and community-service activities, and we are pleased to affirm that the Brandon Islamic Centre is a valued partner in addressing food insecurity and enhancing community well-being in Brandon and the Westman region.

Helping Hands Soup Kitchen is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that provides nutritious meals and a welcoming environment to individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity, social isolation, or other challenges. Our work depends on the generosity and engagement of local community partners. In this context, the Brandon Islamic Centre has emerged as an important ally in our efforts to reduce hunger and promote dignity for all residents, regardless of faith, background, or circumstance.

The Brandon Islamic Centre is a religious, non-profit, and non-political organization serving a diverse Muslim community in Brandon and Western Manitoba. In addition to providing daily and weekly worship services and religious education, the Centre is actively involved in community outreach, interfaith cooperation, and public education. Its leadership and members consistently demonstrate a commitment to peace, mutual understanding, and service to the broader community, including non-Muslim neighbours.

We wish to highlight the Brandon Islamic Centre's direct and meaningful support to Helping Hands Soup Kitchen. This support has included:

- **Financial contributions** directed to Helping Hands to assist with the purchase of food and essential supplies for our meal programs.
- **Ongoing communication and collaboration** with our organization to identify needs, explore joint initiatives, and ensure that community resources are used effectively.

In addition to these financial contributions, the Brandon Islamic Centre has expressed a clear intention to deepen our partnership through regular volunteer engagement at Helping Hands Soup Kitchen. The Centre's leadership has committed to organizing teams of volunteers from among its members to assist us as needed.

We view this planned, recurring volunteer involvement as a significant and sustainable contribution to our operations. A reliable base of volunteers is one of the most critical factors in maintaining consistent meal service, and the Brandon Islamic Centre's commitment will directly strengthen our capacity to meet increasing demand.

For these reasons, Helping Hands Soup Kitchen offers its ongoing support for the Brandon Islamic Centre's pursuit of grant funding, both now and in the future. We are confident that investments made in the Centre will be translated into tangible benefits for the wider Brandon and Westman communities, including enhanced collaboration, improved food security, and increased opportunities for volunteer service.

Should you require any further information regarding our partnership with the Brandon Islamic Centre, its financial support to Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, or its anticipated volunteer contributions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be pleased to provide additional details or to participate in any follow-up discussions that may assist in your grant review process.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Braun". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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