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Mr. Bruce Saunders
2033 Chaucer St
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Dear Mr. Saunders,

On behalf of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation, I would like to extend my congratulations to you on being awarded the *2021 Honorary Citizen Award* by the City of Victoria. This is a well-deserved honour reflecting on your ongoing volunteerism and advocacy in our community.

Almost 200,000 Vancouver Islanders need mental health and substance use services in our hospitals each year. While we continue to navigate this global pandemic, we know there is another urgent crisis in our communities. And we know you understand that, because since 1993, you have been dedicated to reducing the stigma around mental health. Our mental health and substance use care teams and the patients they serve are lucky to have an advocate like you.

Movie Mondays at Eric Martin Pavilion was a transformational program for psychiatric patients as well as the public, giving them the space to have a discourse about mental illness and recovery as well as a sense of community and camaraderie in what is often an incredibly difficult time in one's life.

Bruce, your work is truly inspiring and it has had, and will continue to have, a profound and lasting impact. We are honoured to live and work alongside dedicated community leaders like you. Thank you for all you do to make our community thrive. I am thrilled to congratulate you on this honour, and wish you continued success in all of your endeavors.

I would love the opportunity to meet you, please reach out to me directly if I can treat you to coffee.

Sincerely,

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