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Testimonial for Kimberly Wahamaa

I am pleased to submit this testimonial letter for Kimberly Wahamaa. As evidenced by this letter, I believe she has demonstrated innovation, excellence and outstanding achievements in moving breast cancer research and education in the district of Sudbury and beyond. She started her own website trustyourbust.com to ensure everyone who has an interest on the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, breast cancer treatment, and fundraising has a realistic look in a northern context.

Kimberly has continuously distinguished herself for her work in fundraising and social activities for the city of Sudbury. She has also been involved in extensive community engagements including a symposium at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine for medical learners and professors to engage with Breast Cancer Survivors. On a voluntary basis, Kimberly has travelled extensively in the North East to ensure the lives of breast cancer survivors and their families, who care for them, have positive outcomes in the holistic areas of recovery or palliation. This type of voluntary engagement is a key part to promote breast cancer awareness and health in our community. At present Kimberly has completed her radiation and chemo treatments but continues to fundraise, engage in activities and education for Sudbury.

In closing, Kimberly truly embodies the spirit of Sisu (Finnish spirituality), by her tireless advocacy for the breast cancer research, evidence based treatments, fundraising and education in Sudbury. She is an excellent visionary leader and I have not doubt that she has had, and will have a huge impact on moving breast cancer research, education, fundraising and treatments forward in the north. She has earned the respect of her peers, colleagues, and health professionals, through her selfless acts of kindness, respect and empathy. This places her in the company of a very few.

Sincerely yours,

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