RELEASE #1 – ANNOUNCING YOUR BARRIER BUSTER PROJECT GRANT

For immediate release:

***(insert community name)* announces Rick Hansen Foundation Access4All Barrier Buster project; *(insert name of project)* to contribute to a more inclusive and accessible Canada.**

*(insert date / city)* – *(insert organization’s name here)* announced today a *(insert $ value)* funding grant through the Rick Hansen Foundation’s Access4All Program, a Canada 150 Signature Initiative aimed at breaking down barriers for people living with disabilities. With the participation of the Government of Canada, this grant will support the community of *(insert community name)* “Barrier Buster” Project, *(project or event name).*

Our *(project/event)* was created with the help of *(insert any relevant stakeholders/community leaders)* with a goal of *(insert goal).*

The Barrier Buster project will begin *(insert date),* and is intended to *(insert full project details here)*

* *What is it*
* *Expected time frame to complete it*
* *How it will elevate the community to being more inclusive and accessible*

Sample quote:  
“With support from the Government of Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation, *(our organization/community)* wants to help ensure that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating inclusive and accessible communities all across our nation,” said *(insert project lead / title)* “We are proud to be part of the Canada 150 Access4All program, and *(insert project name)* will play an important role in building a world without barriers. We would like to thank our community for their ongoing support in realizing this vision.”

For more information, please contact:

*(insert contact info)*

Appendix:

On this upcoming milestone of Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation, the Rick Hansen Foundation, with support from the Government of Canada, invited schools and community groups to learn more about accessibility, identify barriers, and apply for grants of up to $30,000 to undertake and celebrate accessibility infrastructure improvements in public places and spaces.

For more information on Rick Hansen’s Access4All program, please visit: [www.rickhansen.com/access4all](http://www.rickhansen.com/access4all)

Canada’s 150th is an opportunity to celebrate the values of our great country with pride: values such as inclusion, diversity, compassion and access for everyone.As we celebrate these values, it’s also important that we create lasting impact. Together, we can create an accessible Canada and leave a lasting legacy for our country’s 150th**.**

For more information on the Canada 150 Signature initiative, please visit: <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1468262573081>

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