ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

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Mr. Rolf Bouman
Friends United Founder
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Dear Rolf:

Following in my predecessors' footsteps, I, as well, would like to express my appreciation to Friends United and your corporate group for your support and collaborative spirit since I began my term as President and Vice Chancellor of St. Francis Xavier University in 2020. Your dedication to advancing cultural understanding, truth and reconciliation, and community engagement has had an impact on our University and the wider community.

There are many milestones worth celebrating in our partnership, and I want to highlight just a few:

- German Days at StFX: Your generous sponsorship of 20 years as the main supporter of this vibrant event enabled us to immerse students, faculty, and community members in German culture, enhancing cross-cultural dialogue and fostering global connections.

- Art Exhibitions at the Schwartz School of Business and the Coady Institute: Through your support, we have showcased impactful exhibitions of Indigenous art, which have not only enriched our academic environment but also advanced the cause of truth and reconciliation. The ongoing presence of art at the Coady Institute and the Schwartz School of Business serves as a lasting reminder of the importance of embracing diversity and fostering understanding.

- Support for Presentations, Concerts, and Events: Your funding has made possible a variety of events that benefit our students and the wider community. These initiatives, ranging from academic lectures to cultural performances, reflect your commitment to education and community enrichment.

Your partnership has been invaluable in creating opportunities that would not have been possible without your vision and generosity. Together, we have made significant strides in enhancing the cultural, academic, and social fabric of our institution and beyond.

On behalf of St. Francis Xavier University, I extend thanks to Friends United for your continued collaboration. We look forward to building on this strong foundation in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Andy W. Hakin
President & Vice Chancellor

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