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WFCU Credit Union & Farhi Holdings Corporation Partner to Provide Alternate Accommodations to Windsor Regional Hospital Frontline Healthcare Workers During COVID-19 Pandemic

Windsor, ON – WFCU Credit Union (WFCU) in partnership with Farhi Holdings Corporation (Farhi) announced today they have partnered to provide alternate accommodations to frontline healthcare workers at Windsor Regional Hospital who are unable to return to their homes due to the risks they face in responding to COVID-19 and their unique personal family health issues.

Frontline healthcare workers will be provided accommodations for up to three months, at the Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel located at 277 Riverside Drive West, Windsor. Together, Farhi and WFCU have committed over \$650,000 to the initiative.

“Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. Responding to COVID-19 requires all of us to think outside of the box and move quickly. It is our pleasure to support the Windsor community and the regional hospital. The sacrifice of our healthcare workers, doctors, nurses and other practitioners will never be forgotten. It is our hope that the accommodation will provide relief to our frontline workers as they fight an invisible enemy,” said Shmuel Farhi, President, Farhi Holdings Corporation.

“Accommodations have been identified as a critical need by many frontline workers who are concerned about returning home to their families due to the risks this may pose, especially if they have unique personal family health issues,” said Shmuel Farhi. “We have the accommodations that are required and we are pleased to be able to offer them to assist these frontline workers. Now more than ever we need to stay united to ensure that our community remains safe.”

Approximately 40 rooms have been reserved at the Best Western by WFCU and Farhi for use by staff from Windsor Regional Hospital.

“Together Farhi and WFCU are here to help our community navigate through this unprecedented time. We recognize the stress and uncertainty everyone is facing and this is amplified for frontline healthcare workers who are facing insurmountable health and safety concerns of their own, while also being the frontline defense against this pandemic in our community,” said Eddie Francis, President and CEO, WFCU Credit Union. “We want to help alleviate some of the stress these individuals are facing by providing them with a place to return to get the respite they need without the fear of potentially putting their families and loved ones at risk.”

Windsor Regional Hospital will be coordinating the allocation of the rooms in conjunction with the hotel.

“Windsor Regional Hospital is overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support for our staff on the frontlines, and the care they provide to patients,” said David Musyj, President and CEO Windsor Regional Hospital. “I want to thank Shmuel Farhi, Farhi and Eddie Francis, WFCU for coming forward, at this difficult time, to provide hotel accommodations for Windsor Regional Hospital staff. Your efforts to “flatten the curve” are appreciated. This will be an option for staff who need to isolate from family and friends while working on the frontline.”

“As we have done in the past and will continue to do in the future, WFCU is here to help,” commented Marty Gillis, Chair, WFCU Credit Union Board of Directors. “Our community is our priority and we want to assist in a tangible way to allow our frontline healthcare workers to focus on helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure our community’s health and safety.”

For more information on WFCU's response to COVID-19 please visit wfcu.ca.

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ABOUT WFCU CREDIT UNION

WFCU Credit Union has been recognized as a leading, progressive financial institution headquartered in Windsor and Essex County since 1941. Proudly serving Ontario residents, community organizations, small businesses, commercial entities and public institutions for over 77 years, WFCU Credit Union is the sixth largest credit union in Ontario, and twenty-fifth largest credit union in Canada, operating ten retail locations and one digital entity, Omnia Direct. Through these service channels, in combination with online and mobile banking, telephone banking and ATM services, WFCU Credit Union has become the financial institution of choice for 47,899 members across Ontario including 43,702 personal members in 19,588 households, 2,833 businesses and 1,364 organizations. Currently, WFCU Credit Union has \$4.852 billion in Managed Assets and Member Service Totals of \$6.7 billion. WFCU Credit Union membership is open to anyone who lives and/or works in Ontario. For more information on WFCU Credit Union please visit wfcu.ca.

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ABOUT FARHI HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Founded in 1988, Farhi Holdings Corporation (FHC) currently owns and manages more than 4.5 million square feet of commercial, retail, residential, and hospitality space in over 37 communities across Ontario. The company has over 3,500 acres of land holdings throughout the province and along the 400-series highways. FHC continues to make ongoing investments in communities across Ontario and employs over 500 people. In the past 30 years, FHC has contributed more than \$30 million towards philanthropic initiatives.

ABOUT WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Windsor Regional Hospital is one of Ontario's largest community hospitals, with multi-site health services providing acute medical and surgical services to 400,000 people in Windsor and Essex County. The Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation assists Windsor Regional Hospital with funding requirements to improve and enhance patient care.