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**Roger M. Anderson**  
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Dear Friend of WindReach Farm:

WindReach Farm strives to enrich the lives of persons with disabilities and special needs by offering experiences in farming, nature, therapeutic riding and outdoor recreation. In honour of Canada's 150th birthday, this year's Horseshoes for Hope Campaign will feature the stories of horses and riders from WindReach Farm and mounted police units across Canada. The theme "every horseshoe tells a story" illustrates how each user of the Farm has a unique story.

As Chair and CEO of the Regional Municipality of Durham, I am pleased to express my enthusiastic support for the campaign. As a former police officer and Chair of the Durham Region Police Services Board, I am excited about the inclusion of police horses from coast to coast. And, as a member of the WindReach Farm board, I am thrilled that the stories of individuals who benefit from the Farm's therapeutic riding program will be shared. As one parent remarked to me, the program allows her daughter to be seen for who she is, not the condition she has.

I am proud that my community has a facility that provides such valuable and needed services to individuals who otherwise might have no access to this kind of experience. Programs at the Farm are constantly evolving to meet needs in the community. For example, WindReach is now home to Can Praxis, the Wounded Warriors program in support of veterans suffering from PTSD.

By taking part in the Horseshoes for Hope Campaign, you can ensure that the quality and availability of programs at WindReach Farm continue to improve. We look forward to your support.

Yours truly,

*Roger Anderson*

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