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*I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending tonight's inaugural Caritas Concert Series performance, in support of the Caritas Foundation.*

*The Caritas Foundation is dedicated to supporting Covenant Health as they build upon their 149-year legacy of providing high quality, compassionate services and programs to the community. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$40 million to help pay for state-of-the-art medical equipment, support medical research and education, and enhance patient care at three Edmonton hospitals: the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre, the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, and the Misericordia Community Hospital.*

*Tonight's concert —featuring internationally acclaimed violinist David Garret and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra— exemplifies the generosity which underpins Canadian society and brings people together in support of worthy causes such as this one. I know that this event will be a resounding success, and I would like to commend each one of you for making a difference in the health and well-being of your fellow citizens.*

*Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable evening and for every success in meeting your fundraising goals.*

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.*

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