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St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Contributes \$2,027,671 to St. Paul's Hospital

Saskatoon (April 24, 2008) - The generosity and commitment of donors allowed St. Paul's Hospital Foundation to contribute \$2,027,671 to St. Paul's Hospital in 2007. The funds were used towards the purchase of urgently needed medical equipment like an MRI, for spiritual care programming and employee professional development. The details of the allocations were presented at the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Annual General Meeting, held today at St. Paul's Hospital.

"This contribution was made possible due to the generosity of our donors," said St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Volunteer Board Chair, Karen Pitka. "Their sincere commitment and leadership mirrors the spirit and giving nature of the Grey Nuns, who founded St. Paul's Hospital more than 100 years ago. The foundation thanks our many benefactors for their generous gifts."

The foundation supported St. Paul's Hospital with allocations of: \$1,271,519 to capital projects and medical equipment including the new MRI, the Dr. M. Baltzan HLA Lab and the St. Paul's Hospital Community Renal Health Centre; \$100,000 to Spiritual Care; \$548,460 designated by donors to specific departments; and \$71,825 to support the SPH 100th Anniversary and community relations.

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is also proud of the contributions made to the educational advancement of hospital employees. \$35,650 was used for Professional and Organizational Development Awards in 2007, offering St. Paul's employees opportunities for up-to-date learning opportunities. The foundation also allocated \$97,979 to the SPHF Draws, a program to help acquire items that benefit patients, their families, and St. Paul's Hospital employees, for which there is no other source of funding.

The foundation has appointed the following Directors to the Executive Committee. They are: Karen Pitka, Chair; Barbara Berscheid, Vice-Chair; Glenn Sinden, in place of Past Chair; Ron Holmes, Secretary; and Kelly Lutz, Treasurer.

Linda Arnot, Colleen Cameron, Dr. Judy Klassen, Robert Leier and Mercedes Montgomery were newly appointed to the board for a two-year term. They join Barry Frank, Deb Hicks, Joe LaPointe, Carol Young and Lisa Edwards Yuel.

Denise Budz and Giorgio Piatto (June, 2007) have retired from the foundation board.

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation has raised more than \$50 million dollars since the foundation was formed in 1982.

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