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Kinsmen Donates \$500,000 towards Cystoscopy Unit at St. Paul's Hospital

Saskatoon (Friday, April 11th, 2008) – This morning Todd Bedore, Vice Chair of the Kinsmen Foundation presented a \$500,000 cheque to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation representatives Alain Gaucher and Karen Pitka in support of the *Embracing the Future* campaign. These funds will help purchase a cystoscopy unit for St. Paul's Hospital, helping provide care for people with urological disorders. This brings the total raised for the *Embracing the Future* campaign to \$5,312,186 or 66% of the \$8M dollar goal.

“Our mandate at the Kinsmen Foundation is to find ways of improving the quality of life for the people in our province.” said Todd Bedore. “The cystoscopy unit is an important part of the Urology Centre of Health and we're very happy to be able to provide this equipment to St. Paul's Hospital.”

Alain Gaucher, Volunteer Chair, *Embracing the Future* campaign said “This generous donation by the Kinsmen Foundation helps further our vision of a Urology Centre of Health for our province. The new cystoscopy unit will allow doctors to provide improved diagnosis and treatment to people with urological illnesses and diseases.”

The new cystoscopy unit will support the St. Paul's Hospital Urology Centre of Health. This specialized scoping equipment allows doctors to view the interior lining of the bladder and urethra, areas that do not show up well on x-rays. With this equipment doctors will be able to remove samples of tissue (biopsy) or urine from patient's kidneys. The total cost of the cystoscopy suite is \$1,425,000 (\$650,000 for redevelopment, \$500,000 for the cystoscopy unit and \$275,000 for other equipment).

Cystoscopy is done for a variety of reasons including finding causes of blood in the urine, incontinence, and to treat urinary tract infections. It also helps doctors find problems such as blockages caused by an enlarged prostate, kidney stones or tumours.

The *Embracing the Future* campaign focuses on three priority areas: a Urology Centre of Health, which will offer advanced detection and treatment of urological diseases; advanced equipment such as a nuclear medicine gamma camera; and the new MRI and accessory equipment.

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