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Foundation Supports St. Paul's Hospital with over \$3 Million

Saskatoon (April 28, 2014) – Through the immense generosity and commitment of our donors along with effective stewardship of investments, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation (SPHF) contributed \$ 3,177,911 to St. Paul's Hospital in 2013. This is the largest amount the Foundation has allocated to the Hospital since its inception, with funds supporting the purchase of urgently needed medical equipment, capital improvements, patient comfort care items, staff professional development and the Healing Arts Program at St. Paul's Hospital.

"Time and again we hear that these philanthropic gifts are in response to the high level of compassionate care received at St. Paul's Hospital," said Foundation Chair Colleen Cameron-Bergan. "It is such a joy to feel the support of our donors. It is this kind of effort that inspires all of us in our vision of a community of health, hope and compassion for all."

Details of the allocations were presented at St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Annual General Meeting on April 24th. In 2013, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation committed \$1.4 million dollars for the acquisition and installation of the Digital Transmission Electron Microscope, a cutting edge, life-saving diagnostic tool. Donors also supported the complete upgrade of Pylypchuk Hall, a state of the art auditorium that will generate significantly increased training and distance education opportunities for the teaching Hospital.

The Foundation was pleased to continue its support for the educational advancement of St. Paul's Hospital employees, who benefited from \$82,025 in learning opportunities through the Professional and Organizational Development Awards. The Foundation also allocated \$111,071 to the annual SPHF Draws, one of the most popular Hospital programs providing opportunities for employees to apply for funds to help support programs and purchase items that benefit patients and their families.

"Whether they are philanthropists, grateful patients and their families, corporations, or employees, our donors have a genuine concern for the health of the people of Saskatchewan," said St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO Bruce Acton. "We are thankful for their sincerity and generosity, and our Foundation's Board of Directors and dedicated staff are so pleased to be able to effectively steward these gifts into meaningful support for St. Paul's Hospital."

New inductees to the SPH Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors included Chris Boychuk and Dr. Vivian Walker. The following Officers were appointed for 2014: Colleen Cameron-Bergan (Chair), John Agioritis (Vice-Chair), Denise Frey (Treasurer), Darlene Cooper (Secretary), and Mercedes Montgomery (Past Chair). Retiring Board Members included Dr. Judy Klassen, Sister Ludvina Scheck, Ken Horsman and Linda Arnot. The Foundation is very grateful for their service.

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation has allocated more than \$48 million dollars to the Hospital since the Foundation was formed in 1982.

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