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Fundraising campaign for a new angiography suite at Lions Gate Hospital reaches \$1 million

NORTH VANCOUVER –Lions Gate Hospital Foundation’s campaign to bring a new, leading-edge angiography suite to Lions Gate Hospital (LGH) has surpassed the \$1-million mark – toward a fundraising goal of \$3.5 million. To date, the Foundation has received \$1,019,489.31 toward the campaign.

“We are so grateful for the outpouring of community support toward this important piece of equipment,” said Judy Savage, president of Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. “The Foundation works hard to raise funds to replace outdated equipment so that the highest quality health care is available on the North Shore.”

The new angiography suite will help the hospital’s radiologists to keep up with the increasing demand for interventional radiology procedures, which has nearly doubled in the past three years. In 2005, Lions Gate Hospital radiologists performed 657 interventional radiology procedures, and are expecting to perform over 1,200 this year. These procedures can alleviate traumatic problems, and are generally less invasive than surgery. They help patients who may not tolerate surgery, and in most cases recovery time is reduced.

“Everything we do is image-guided,” said Dr. Simon Bicknell, director of medical imaging at LGH. “The decade-old equipment we have needs to be replaced with technology that will provide greater precision, accuracy and detail. Using new technology, we’ll be able to treat more patients, reducing the need for major surgery in some patients.”

Some of the procedures this equipment will be used for include:

- Angiograms;
- Balloon angioplasties and stent procedures to open narrow or blocked blood vessels;
- Delivery of chemotherapy directly to a tumour through its blood supply;
- Biopsies;
- Blocking artery vessels when traumatized and actively bleeding;
- Reducing uterine fibroid size by blocking the blood supply; and
- Repairing aortic aneurysms with faster recovery times is a future consideration.

As a result of generous contributions from the community, in recent years LGH Foundation has provided the Lions Gate Hospital with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, including an MRI, a 64-slice CT scanner, gamma cameras, a digital radiology fluoroscopy suite, and a new ultrasound department. The new angiography equipment would integrate with the hospital’s existing CT, MRI and ultrasound platforms.

Donations to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation can be made in person at 231 East 15th St., over the phone at 604-984-5785, or on the web at www.lghfoundation.com.

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