



PRESS RELEASE

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T&T Supermarkets lead community to fund new medical imaging equipment for orthopedics at Richmond Hospital

Fundraising drive to benefit new mini C-arm for Richmond

New medical imaging equipment received a boost as T&T Supermarkets and their customers raised more than \$78,000 to help improve local health care at Richmond Hospital. Donations raised, combined with those of others, will now fund a new mini C-arm, a mobile diagnostic imaging tool for orthopedics that uses x-rays to help physicians and surgeons examine injuries on the spot and provide care for broken or injured limbs and joints.

"Richmond has the fastest growing seniors population in B.C., and winter is a time we see even greater numbers of patients experiencing trauma due to slips and falls," says Dr. Erik Calvert, Head of Orthopedics, Richmond Hospital. "A new state-of-the-art portable mini C-Arm will provide high definition images so that we can deliver the best care possible to help our patients regain their health, strength and mobility."

T&T Supermarkets led an in-store fundraising drive at their three Richmond locations from September 28 to October 28 this year, matching all donations by T&T customers dollar-for-dollar, up to \$70,000. This is the single largest fundraising initiative in the 25-year history of T&T Supermarkets.

"We are grateful to all of our customers who gave so generously while shopping in our stores," said Tina Lee, CEO, T&T Supermarkets. "It is our hope that our efforts will now inspire others in Richmond to make an impact and help drive improvements at Richmond Hospital."

The purchase of a new mini C-Arm is made possible with the lead gift of Eric Gaunder of Hayden Diamond Bit Industries made earlier in the year and finalized with the donation of T&T Supermarkets and their customers.

"Donors are essential to help equip our physicians and surgeons with the innovative technology they require to perform vital procedures right here at home," said Natalie Meixner, President and CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation. "We are incredibly thankful for the amazing generosity and leadership of T&T Supermarkets, their customers, Eric Gaunder and the team of Hayden Diamond Bit Industries."

About T&T Supermarkets:

T&T Supermarkets is the largest Asian supermarket chain in Canada, operating stores in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario. T&T Supermarkets was founded in Vancouver in 1993 and is now led by second generation successor and CEO, Tina Lee. T&T Supermarkets is headquartered in Richmond, BC, with offices in Toronto, ON.

About Hayden Diamond Bit Industries:

Hayden Diamond Bit Industries is a Canadian owned and operated producer of diamond products with over 40 years of experience in the mining and drilling industry. They specialize in the design, manufacture, and distribution of diamond coring bits and other diamond products. Hayden Diamond Bit Industries is led by Eric Gaunder and is headquartered in Richmond, BC.

About Richmond Hospital Foundation:

Over 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised over \$80 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital and our community of care in Richmond.

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