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Community unites to help champion future of local health care in Richmond

Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant raises \$1.6 million net to support future Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital

Richmond, B.C. – The Chinese community united to help champion the future needs of patients, families and healthcare professionals at Richmond Hospital, raising \$1.6 million (net) at the Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant Gala Dinner for Richmond Hospital Foundation in support of a new Acute Care Tower.

Honorary Chair Patsy Hui took a leadership role on the night of the event and announced a significant donation. Her leadership was exemplified by the joy she experiences through giving.

Richmond Hospital Foundation was chosen by Fairchild TV as the beneficiary of proceeds from Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant 2016. Established in 1995, Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant is Canada's most recognized and prestigious Pageant event hosted in Vancouver.

"Richmond Hospital urgently needs a new Acute Care Tower to replace the original tower, which is now 50 years old and no longer meets the needs of our growing and rapidly aging population," said Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation. "We thank our donors and sponsors whose leadership, generosity and support will help ensure Richmond Hospital is there for all generations to offer the very best for in the future."

Richmond Hospital Foundation also honoured Mr. Thomas Fung and wife Amy with its prestigious annual Leadership Award in recognition of their longstanding support of Richmond Hospital Foundation and health care philanthropy to reach the Chinese community and inspire others to give.

Donations raised at the Miss Chinese Vancouver Pageant 2016 will benefit a new Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital. In June, the Province announced it is moving forward in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health to start plans for a new Acute Care Tower to replace the original 50-year-old tower, which is now obsolete, seismically unstable and insufficient for the way modern medicine is delivered in the 21st century.

Over the past 50 years, Richmond's population has quadrupled from 50,000 in 1966 to

more than 200,000 today. By 2030, Richmond’s population is expected to exceed 250,000. Richmond residents also have the longest average lifespan at 85 years of age compared to the national average of 81 years, and Richmond Hospital will face enormous pressure to provide acute care services for patients and families who need it.

For nearly 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised nearly \$70 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital.

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Photo left to right: Spencer Gall, Development Manager, Richmond Hospital Foundation; Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation; Mrs. Amy & Mr. Thomas Fung; Endora Fan, Senior Development Manager, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

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