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### **RICHMOND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$265,000 (NET) TO IMPROVE LOCAL HEALTH CARE**

Richmond, B.C. – Fun and fundraising at Richmond Hospital Foundation’s annual golf tournament raised \$265,000 (net) to improve local health care on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. “Achieving the caliber of local health care that best serves the people of Richmond requires leadership and active participation and it is inspiring to see the community united in their commitment to Richmond Hospital,” said Harold Goodwyn, Richmond Hospital Foundation Golf Committee Chair and Foundation Board Member. “We wish to thank our generous donors, sponsors and the many volunteers who helped make it a great day.”

The Fund-A-Need portion of this year’s event focused on Richmond Hospital Foundation’s Code Blue initiative. A “Code Blue” is a standard hospital code, alerting a team of nurses, doctors, and respiratory therapists when there is a patient in immediate need of medical attention or resuscitation in the hospital. Funds raised from the Fund-A-Need portion of the evening will enable the purchase of three life-saving defibrillators for Richmond Hospital.

“Code Blue emergencies happen at any time and in any area of the hospital so we always need to be prepared to resuscitate patients fast,” said Dr. Katharine Hudson, Emergency Physician and Physician Lead for the Code Blue Team at Richmond Hospital. “Even seconds or minutes of delay mean the difference between life and death. Donors are definitely making a difference.”

This year, Richmond Hospital Foundation’s golf tournament brought together 140 golfers and more than 250 guests, with 2 River Green as its Presenting Sponsor. Largely supported by companies and individuals in the development and construction industries, leaders such as Aspac Developments Ltd., Citimark Projects Ltd., Cleantech Service Group, Nightingale Electrical Ltd., RCG Group and Western Construction are just some of the wonderful sponsors who contributed to this year’s success and are demonstrating their long-term commitment to improving health care in our community.

Over 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised nearly \$75 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital.

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