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**Richmond Hospital Foundation makes major naming announcement:  
*The Milan and Maureen Ilich Diagnostic Imaging Centre***

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Richmond, B.C. – The new diagnostic imaging department at Richmond Hospital will be named *The Milan and Maureen Ilich Diagnostic Imaging Centre*. The announcement was made Thursday night by Lisa Westermark, Executive Director of The Richmond Hospital Foundation, at a special event to celebrate and thank the foundation's most generous donors.

"It is my pleasure to recognize Milan and Maureen Ilich for their generous \$1 million gift to our MRI campaign and for more than two decades of supporting Richmond Hospital," says Westermark. "Their commitment to our community is remarkable, but it's their commitment to improving the lives of patients at our hospital that is truly inspiring."

Since 1989, Milan and Maureen Ilich have donated over \$2 million to purchase urgently needed medical equipment and improve care at Richmond Hospital.

The renovations to the existing diagnostic imaging department are part of the Richmond Hospital Foundation's \$4 million MRI Campaign.

This announcement was made during the foundation's annual Donor Recognition Reception. The foundation also announced this year's "Doctor of Philanthropy" recipients. This honorary title comes complete with a lab coat and stethoscope and is awarded donors who have given over \$50,000 during their lifetime. Awards were given to:

- **Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Canada** – This award was accepted by Peter Kuo, District Leader for Richmond. Since 2004 the Tzu Chi Foundation has donated over \$120,000. They continue to fundraise for the MRI campaign by distributing "Bamboo Bank" donation collection tins throughout Richmond and pledging to match every penny raised.
- **The Kronier Family** – Betty Kronier accepted this award on behalf of her family. The Kronier Family has donated over \$65,000.
- **Beatrice Pickwell** – Beatrice Pickwell is a longtime Richmond resident and has been a loyal donor since 2004. This year's donation of securities put her well over the \$50,000 mark.
- **Richmond Chinatown Lions Club** – Belinda Wu accepted the award on behalf of the Richmond Chinatown Lions Club.

The James and Ann McPhail Family Foundation was also recognized for their years of generous support. This year the McPhail Family Foundation's total donations surpassed \$500,000.

The donor recognition reception is an annual event to recognize and thank donors who have given over \$5,000 cumulatively. This year's event was held at Richmond Hospital and guests had the exclusive opportunity to tour the new Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Suites that were funded by last year's successful \$1.2 million campaign. Tours were provided by Dr. Scott Bloom, general surgeon and professor at UBC; Dr. Nam Nguyen, past head of surgery; and Andrea Gilliver, clinical resource nurse.

To date, The Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised over \$1.7 million towards the \$4 million that is required to purchase a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner and fund the construction necessary to house this sensitive equipment. By cutting wait times and improving access to this powerful diagnostic test, Richmond's MRI will speed diagnosis, treatment and recovery for thousands of patients every year.

**The Richmond Hospital Foundation** is a registered charity that is committed to raising money to fill the gap between government funding and the greater needs of our hospital. A Board of Trustees who represents a broad spectrum of the community governs the foundation.