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New Mural at Richmond Hospital Brightens Spirits And Helps Raise Urgently Needed Funds for \$4 Million MRI Campaign

“Healing the spirit is just as important as healing the body,” said Dr. Jakubowski, Cardiologist, at a special event earlier today to celebrate the unveiling of “Safe Haven,” a new mural at Richmond Hospital.

“It is our hope that this mural will brighten the spirits of everyone who enters and exits our Emergency Department and, as the basis of some important fundraising initiatives, that it has a lasting impact on patient care,” said Dr. Jeff Coleman, Chief Operating Officer, Richmond Health Services.

The mural is based on an original painting by renowned artist Michael Tickner. The mural measures 10’ (3 m) by 30’ (9 m) and was installed just outside the entrance to Emergency. It was commissioned by Dr. Andrew Jakubowski together with The Richmond Hospital Foundation and the generous support of philanthropist Mr. Arthur Block.

“Safe Haven” is the crown jewel in a series of events to celebrate art and raise funds for the foundation’s MRI Campaign.

- Limited-edition, framed prints of “Safe Haven” will be sold at **Cork & Canvas**, an art sale and auction with a wine and cheese reception on April 17 and afterwards through the foundation office.
- The original painting, valued at \$12,000, will be auctioned at the **10th Annual Starlight Gala**, the foundation’s premier fundraiser, on October 25, 2008.

“By helping us raise funds to purchase an urgently-needed MRI for Richmond Hospital, ‘Safe Haven’ will speed diagnosis, treatment and recovery for thousands of patients every year,” said Lisa Westermark, Executive Director of The Richmond Hospital Foundation.

The Richmond Hospital Foundation also celebrated a generous donation to the MRI Campaign from the RBC Foundation. George Tsamis, Regional Vice President (South Vancouver/Richmond); and Dave Pohl, VP Commercial Financial Services (South Vancouver/Richmond) presented the \$35,000 cheque on behalf of the RBC Foundation.

“Thanks to the generous support of the RBC Foundation, we are now closer to reaching our \$4 million goal,” said Westermark.

Today's celebration was attended by hospital staff and diverse members of the community. It featured a moving performance from the Matthew McNair Choir.

Michael Tickner is a Vancouver-based artist known for his "contemporary primitive" style. Serious private and corporate collectors around the world collect his bold, colourful paintings. Two of Tickner's images were included in the Vancouver Olympic Bid Committee's final bid presentation to the International Olympic Committee Members in Prague.

"Safe Haven" features the quaint Steveston waterfront and the dramatic backdrop of the North Shore Mountains.

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.

For more information about upcoming events or to purchase tickets for Cork & Canvas please visit www.richmondhospitalfoundation.com or call 604-244-5252.