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**A \$75,000 gift from CIBC Helps  
Cancer Patients at Richmond Hospital**

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Richmond, B.C., September 21, 2009 - Local cancer patients are set to benefit from a newly renovated and expanded cancer care clinic equipped with the newest technology thanks to \$75,000 pledge made by CIBC.

"We are proud that our donation will help to enhance cancer care for patients at Richmond Hospital," said Irene Ing, CIBC's Vice-President of Retail Markets for Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. "This hospital is at the heart of this community and we are pleased that these funds will help make a difference in the treatment local cancer patients receive at the hospital's new Cancer Care Clinic."

The Cancer Care Clinic, which opened its doors on April 6, 2009, is part of a brand new 9,500 square foot hospital wing at the Richmond Hospital - the Park Centre. In being developed into a more open, brighter-lit and larger space, the cancer centre has increased its number of patient care spaces from seven to 10. A bank of window allows patients receiving treatment to enjoy beautiful views of Minoru Park, and offers patients a more natural, and less institutionalized feel. With the help of CIBC's generous gift, cancer patients are given an invaluable space in which they can become treated in serenity and comfort.

Every year, more than 2,500 patients receive their cancer treatment at Richmond Hospital. Many have to visit the hospital and spend hours on a weekly basis for chemotherapy and other treatments.

"We are grateful for the support of CIBC and their donations will improve care for thousands of people in Richmond," said Lisa Westermark, CEO of The Richmond Hospital Foundation.

CIBC has supported the Richmond Hospital Foundation since 1994. With this pledge, CIBC has become an integral partner in the important causes and pursuits of Richmond Hospital Foundation.

In the last five years, CIBC has committed more than \$23 million to hospitals and research centres across Canada, including \$5.5 million towards breast cancer treatment and research.

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. Over 85%

85% of new and replacement medical equipment of Richmond Hospital is funded by the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

CIBC is committed to supporting causes that matter to our clients, our employees and our communities. We aim to make a difference in communities through corporate donations, sponsorships and the volunteer spirit of employees. With a strategic focus on youth, education and health, and employee commitment to causes including the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure, the CIBC Children's Foundation and United Way, we are investing in the social and economic development of communities across the country. In 2008, CIBC group of companies contributed more than \$36 million worldwide to charitable and non-profit initiatives. Of this, more than \$27 million was invested in Canada to support national, regional and local organizations. To learn more, visit [www.cibc.com/pas](http://www.cibc.com/pas)

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CIBC has committed \$75,000 to Richmond Hospital's new Cancer Care Clinic. Representing CIBC are Alex Fan, CIBC's Associate Vice-President of Retail Markets for Westside and Richmond (left); Ms. Sukhy Bisla, CIBC Branch Manager at Three West Centre, and Tom Hasker, CIBC Wood Gundy Vice-President and Investment Advisor in Richmond, who is also a former board member of the hospital's foundation. Receiving the donation is Lisa Westermarck, Chief Executive Officer, Richmond Hospital Foundation (second from right).