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RBC Helps Provide Better Care Small Patients in Richmond Hospital Operating Rooms

Richmond, BC, February 3, 2012 – In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the RBC No 3 and Williams Branch, the RBC Foundation is making a \$25,000 donation to Richmond Hospital.

The donation will be used to help to fund the purchase of an urgently needed Mini Laparoscopy set that is particularly useful for small patients or for children. For example, while similar standard equipment is 5mm or 10mm, the mini-laparoscopy sets are 3mm, allowing for a much smaller incision for much smaller people.

Richmond Hospital Foundation is currently raising funds to equip the operating rooms for Minimally Invasive Surgeries (MIS), so that more patients can benefit from this method of surgery. This new MIS equipment at Richmond Hospital means surgeons are able to perform surgeries with fewer complications and ensure faster healing times and better overall outcomes for patients.

Minimally Invasive surgery is much kinder to a patient's body than traditional open surgery. While open surgery requires a single long cut, MIS procedures are performed through one or more tiny, dime-sized incisions. This means a much faster, easier recovery, a shorter hospital stay, minimal scarring, and fewer complications.

"We believe in the power of communities and the individuals who live in them," said Virginia Huang, Branch Manger, RBC. "The health of local communities is of vital importance to RBC, and that's why we have decided to support the Richmond Hospital Foundation and make a positive social impact in the communities we serve and where our employees live."

"We are very fortunate to have a hospital right here in our community, especially one with such an amazing team of Doctors, Nurses, and healthcare professionals. The employees of the RBC No 3 and Williams Branch are to be both thanked, and

congratulated for their leadership in the community. We are honoured that they have chosen to play a role at Richmond Hospital” said Natalie Meixner, President and CEO of Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Richmond Hospital Foundation is a registered charity that helps fund medical equipment, patient care programs and improvements to facilities at Richmond Hospital. For 25 years the Foundation has raised almost \$36 million to improve healthcare for Richmond residents.

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