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St-Boniface  Hospital & Research Foundation

Everett Family Begins Legacy with \$1 Million Donation ***St. Boniface Hospital Names Everett Atrium in Honour of Endowment Fund***

APRIL 16, 2009 (WINNIPEG, MB) – St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation today announced a \$1 million donation by Douglas (Doug) and Patricia (Patty) Everett, on behalf of the Everett family, to begin an endowment in support of neurodegenerative research – an initiative very important to them – at St. Boniface Hospital. In celebration of “The Honourable Douglas & Patricia Everett and Royal Canadian Properties Limited Endowment Fund” and the legacy it begins, St. Boniface Hospital’s main entrance atrium was today named the “Everett Atrium.”

“This is a tremendous day for St. Boniface Hospital and the Everett family,” said Aidan O’Brien, Chair, St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation. “The Everett family has a long history with the Hospital, this endowment will continue that relationship for generations to come. Very appropriately, the heart of the Hospital, what is now the Everett Atrium, will be a reminder for everyone who comes through these doors of the importance of family, community and innovation.”

Horace Everett, Doug Everett’s father and founder of Dominion Motors, first became involved with St. Boniface Hospital in 1949 when he became Chairman of the St. Boniface Hospital Advisory Board (until 1955), overseeing fundraising activities for the first Hospital expansion. Doug Everett joined the fundraising committee during this time and also participated in the hallmark expansion. The Hospital remained close to the Everett’s’ hearts over the years as family members received care within the walls they had helped build.

The Everett Family has built several successful Manitoba-based business ventures including: Domo Gasoline, Dominion Motors and related car dealerships, Carpell’s Water, Royal Canadian Properties Limited, and the parent company, Royal Canadian Securities Limited. Doug first served his country as a Navy cadet and then Sub-Lieutenant during WWII, and then served his community as a Senator from 1966 to 1994.

Even with their great success in business and politics, always most important to the Everetts has been their family. Doug and Patty were blessed with six children and 11 grandchildren. Their love for their family has inspired them to give back to programs and charities that are family focused.

Having had neurodegenerative disorders touch their family, this Endowment is all the more personal to them. Strong supporters of medical research, Doug and Patty recognize that world-renowned Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, autism, diabetes, epilepsy and stroke research is happening right here in Manitoba at St. Boniface Hospital’s Division of Neurodegenerative Disorders. The Everett Endowment Fund will support ongoing research into the causes and cures of the diseases that have affected their loved ones, and yours.

“This is an incredible gift. A \$1 million endowment is a sustainable source of research funding for our investigators,” said Dr. Grant Pierce, Executive Director of Research, St. Boniface Hospital. “This donation will allow us to expand our research, dive deeper into the studies currently underway and continue to build the innovative neurodegenerative research at St. Boniface Hospital.”

“The potential for this endowment is limitless,” said Dr. Tetreault, President & CEO, St. Boniface Hospital. “Medical research in Manitoba reaches far beyond our borders. The benefits of this donation will be felt globally.”

Doug and Patty Everett have started a legacy, and it is their hope that their children, grandchildren, and future generations of the Everett Family will build on this legacy by contributing to “The Honourable Douglas & Patricia Everett and Royal Canadian Properties Limited Endowment Fund.”

As a reminder of the Everett's commitment to medical research at St. Boniface Hospital, a plaque and two signs bearing the name "Everett Atrium" were unveiled today and will remain to remind everyone who passes through the main entrance at St. Boniface Hospital of the power of family, community and innovation.

Photos available upon request.

The St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation was founded in 1971 and is an integral part of St. Boniface Hospital's continuing threefold objectives of providing excellence in patient care, education and research. As the primary fundraising organization for St. Boniface Hospital, the activities of the Foundation remain consistent with its mission of raising funds to provide quality health care research as well as programs for improved quality of life and respect for the individual.

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