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ST-BONIFACE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION PRESENTS STEVE NASH WITH ITS 2011 INTERNATIONAL AWARD

International Award Dinner raises more than \$250,000

ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2011, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation presented its prestigious 2011 International Award to Steve Nash, two-time NBA Most Valuable Player and children's champion, at a sold out gala dinner, presented by RBC, that raised more than \$250,000 for St-Boniface Hospital.

Since its inception in 1976, the International Award Dinner has raised important funds to support medical research and advancements in patient care at St-Boniface Hospital, while recognizing an individual's outstanding work in humanitarian efforts and health care.

Nash takes his role as a community leader very seriously. In 2001, he established the Steve Nash Foundation to



2011 International Award recipient, Steve Nash, with St-Boniface Hospital Foundation Board of Directors Chairman, Aidan O'Brien, and St-Boniface Hospital Foundation President & CEO, Chuck LaFlèche.

assist underserved children in their health, personal development and education.

"Steve Nash is a champion, on and off the court. He has used his celebrity status to advocate for children's rights, health and education in North and South America," says Doug Stephen, Chair, 2011 International Award Dinner. "We are proud to welcome Steve to the distinguished list of International Award recipients."



Nash tours St-Boniface Hospital Research • Steve Nash began his day with a tour of St-Boniface Hospital Research, led by Dr. Grant Pierce, Executive Director of Research, St-Boniface Hospital. During the tour, Nash learned about important medical research taking place in Manitoba, thanks to the generous support of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation donors! Nash also had the opportunity to learn about the "It's All About Me" program, in which local grades five and six students learn about science and research through hands on activities led by St-Boniface Hospital researchers.



Nash shoots hoops at the Investors Group Athletic Centre • The next stop on Nash's tour of Winnipeg was the University of Manitoba's Investors Group Athletic Centre, where he met and played basketball with Manitoba youth. Nash also addressed the crowd that gathered to watch him play and answered fan questions.



The 2011 International Award Dinner at the MTS Centre • Nash's visit ended with a wonderful gala dinner held in his honour at the MTS Centre, where he received St-Boniface Hospital Foundation's prestigious 2011 International Award. Over 900 people attended the dinner, and over \$250,000 was raised to support medical research and life changing patient care at St-Boniface Hospital. This success was thanks to the support of ticket purchasers and many generous sponsors. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the 2011 International Award Dinner a huge success!

Go to www.saintboniface.ca, or "Like" St-Boniface Hospital Foundation on Facebook, to see more pictures from the event.

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Message from the President & CEO

ON DECEMBER 5, 2011, Statistics Canada released the national charitable donations results for 2010. What this report showed was that Canadian tax filers made charitable donations of \$8.3 billion, a 6.5% increase from 2009. This increase

could be viewed as surprising given the current economic challenges. What is not surprising is the fact that Manitoba continues to lead the way as the most generous province in the country.

In my role as President & CEO of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation, I witness the generosity of Manitobans on a daily basis. This generosity became even more obvious to me at the 2011 National Philanthropy Day event held at the Hotel Fort Garry on November 18, 2011. National Philanthropy Day recognizes and pays tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy, and those active in the philanthropic community, have made in our community.

Gerry and Barb Price, long time St-Boniface Hospital Foundation supporters, were honoured as Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year in Manitoba. Their kindness, their selflessness and their quiet demeanor are admirable – all Manitobans should be proud of this

extraordinary couple. They are very worthy recipients of this prestigious award. The Foundation was extra proud of the award bestowed upon the Prices since we nominated them for the award! We were also proud to see Frank Plett and Conrad Wyrzykowski at the event – two past winners of the same award and long time supporters of our Foundation.

In this edition of Believe, you will find stories of hope and healing made possible by generous individuals like the Prices who are committed to improving health care in Manitoba. These stories are also made possible by the dedicated men and women who provide life changing research and who work hard every day and every night to provide the best possible care to the patients in our Hospital.

On behalf of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, thank you to our supporters and to all Manitobans for leading the nation with your exemplary generosity.

Sincerely,

Charles (Chuck) LaFlèche, CMA, FCMA
President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation



Watch your mailbox for exciting news on St-Boniface Hospital Foundation's 2012 Mega Million Choices Lotto, or go to www.saintboniface.ca.



Diane and Gerald Hebert, 2011 Fall Cash Lotto grand prize winners and 2010 MegaMillion Lotto winners, accept their \$75,000 cheque on November 15, 2011, from St-Boniface Hospital Foundation's Vice President of Development, Louis St-Cyr.

St-Boniface Hospital Foundation launches \$1.2 million campaign for 3D TEE technology

New surgical equipment to improve outcomes for cardiac surgery patients



Dr. Scott MacKenzie, Director, Cardiac Anesthesiology, St-Boniface Hospital, uses TEE technology during an open heart surgery.

SUSAN FREIG PERSONALLY KNOWS how important it is for St-Boniface Hospital to have the right tools, technology and people. The Cardiac Sciences Program at St-Boniface Hospital saved her husband's life after he suffered a heart attack in 2007.

This experience inspired Freig to get involved with St-Boniface Hospital Foundation, joining the Board of Directors, and now, leading a \$1.2 million campaign to fundraise for three new critical pieces of equipment for cardiac surgery.

On November 25, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation announced the public launch of its Intraoperative Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) Campaign. Once complete, it will bring three new 3D TEEs to Manitoba, one for each cardiac operating room at St-Boniface Hospital.

"When I learned about the need for this equipment, I was eager to help," says Freig. "St-Boniface Hospital saved my husband's life and I know that raising funds for the TEE Campaign will save countless others."

Cardiac anesthesiologists use TEE in cardiac surgery to look at the heart and its function before, during and after the procedure, ensuring the accuracy and effectiveness of surgery. Once the patient has been anesthetized, the TEE ultrasound is passed down the patient's esophagus and placed in close proximity to the heart. High quality ultrasound images are relayed back to the anesthesiologist, who can then provide detailed information about the patient's heart, its structure, and function to the cardiac surgeon.

"The impact of TEE is remarkable. We have looked at our own data and we have looked at data from across the country, and in approximately 10 per cent of all cases using this technology, the operations have changed. In other words, the surgeon will do an additional procedure or they will find a new anatomic feature that wasn't expected when we first started the test," says Dr. Scott MacKenzie, Medical Director, Cardiac Anesthesiology, St-Boniface Hospital. "We rely upon it. The surgeons rely upon it. And in a

lot of ways, we would be flying blind without it."

St-Boniface Hospital has been using TEE technology since 1990. It has since become a standard of care in cardiac surgery. The Hospital currently has three TEEs, which are used in all 1,300 cardiac surgeries performed each year.

The equipment, however, has not been upgraded since 2004, and incredible improvements have been made in imaging technology in the past seven years. The new 3D TEEs will replace the old equipment currently in use.

Thanks to the support of its donors, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation has already raised \$450,000 towards its \$1.2 million fundraising goal.

To make a donation in support of the TEE campaign, phone (204) 237-2067, visit www.saintboniface.ca or visit the Foundation office at C1026 – 409 Taché Avenue.

Barb and Gerry Price recognized as Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year

ON, NOVEMBER 18, 2011, in the company of their family, friends and colleagues, Barb and Gerry Price were recognized as Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year at the Association of Fundraising Professional's annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon.

For more than 35 years, the Prices have supported as many as 70 different charities, including St-Boniface Hospital Foundation, which nominated them for Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year.

"Barb and Gerry Price epitomize philanthropy. They are quiet, unassuming and compassionate in their giving," said Chuck LaFlèche, President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation. "In many ways, the personal and professional philosophies of the Price family closely align with our own mission and vision of compassion and caring, making us wonderful partners in hope and healing."

After completing his PhD in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mathematics, Gerry Price worked as a research scientist before joining the family business, E.H. Price, as a member of the sales team. In 1986, Gerry became the President & CEO of E.H. Price, and has since grown the company into one of the largest heating, ventilation and air conditioning sales organizations in Canada, with more than 20 offices in major cities across the country.

Wholesome family values, such as hard work, integrity and sacrifice were instilled in Gerry Price from a young age, and had a tremendous impact on his development as a



From left: Ron Bailey, President, Association of Fundraising Professionals Manitoba Chapter, Gerry and Barb Price, 2011 Outstanding Philanthropists, and Chuck LaFlèche, President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation.

successful business person and a philanthropic community leader.

"I remember watching my mother do the dishes as a kid, and thinking how selfless she was and how much I appreciated that," said Gerry Price. "Barb and I both came from wholesome families that took care of each other and as a couple, Barb and I met young, married young and started giving almost right away."

One of the earliest gifts Barb and Gerry Price gave was made on borrowed money. Seeing someone in need, the Prices took out a \$10,000 loan to help another family finance their house. In fact, the Prices kept almost no money in their bank account for many years, choosing instead to give their extra dollars away where it was needed.

Barb and Gerry Price have been supporting St-Boniface Hospital Foundation for more than 18 years.

Most recently, the Prices made a donation to the Foundation's TEE Campaign, which will bring innovative new imaging technology to Manitoba.

The Prices have also supported the University of Manitoba, United Way, St. John's-Ravenscourt School, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba and the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation.

"We give because we are able to and because there are people that need help. There are so many people that require some kind of help, be it a scholarship, or medical assistance, and if you are able to give you do," said Barb Price. "If we could just all be more kind and giving, this world would be a better place."

Celebrating Compassionate Caregivers

ST-BONIFACE HOSPITAL IS DEDICATED to providing family-focused patient care that is compassionate, sensitive and respectful.

Patients often ask what they can do to show their gratitude for the great care they receive at St-Boniface Hospital – a way to “pay it forward” for future patients.

In October 2011, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation launched its Circle of Compassionate Care program, providing grateful patients, families and friends a special way to honour the St-Boniface Hospital staff who provided exceptional care.

When past patients make a donation to St-Boniface Hospital Foundation’s Circle of Compassionate Care, the individual(s) designated will be sent a personalized card with a special message of thanks. The amount of the gift will not be disclosed and the donor may choose to remain anonymous.

For more information on the Circle of Compassionate Care program, please visit www.saintboniface.ca.



Stories of compassion

Dozens of grateful patients, families and friends have used St-Boniface Hospital Foundation’s Circle of Compassionate Care program to make a donation and recognize outstanding caregivers at St-Boniface Hospital. Here are just a few of the stories the Foundation has received from grateful patients:

“Wow! I was impressed by how all the heart surgery team members (so many!) made the patient (me) feel welcome, safe and informed. They responded expediently, but kindly, during my healing. Plus, follow-up calls to my home after the operation. The coordination and cooperation of so many professionals was amazing! You saved my life!”

– E. Stockmann

“From a diabetes patient: thank you for being there for me. You made a devastating challenge very manageable.”

– Barb Kelly

“The staff at St-Boniface Hospital treat you like you are family. Every step of my recovery I had staff cheering for me – from housekeeping to porter to clerical staff, even security gave me a hug. Thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you for being a friend to me too.”

– Shawna Forester Smith

“Thank you for being the kind of person who made a difference in my world. Forget injuries, never forget kindness.”

– Suzanne Abi-Saleh



St-Boniface Hospital nursing staff.

TOGETHER... IT'S OUR FOUNDATION!

MORE THAN 3,800 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, support staff, nurses, physicians and medical researchers work at St-Boniface Hospital. This dedicated group of men and women provide exceptional patient care to those in need.

St-Boniface Hospital Foundation is fortunate to have the support of St-Boniface Hospital's staff in its fundraising efforts. Together, the Foundation and the Hospital have achieved many great successes over the past 40 years. From October 31 to November 3, 2011, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation set up a booth in the Hospital's Everett Atrium to celebrate these successes.

Throughout the week, St-Boniface Hospital employees received treats and had the opportunity to enter the Foundation's poster contest. By participating in the contest, staff learned about the impact the Foundation and Hospital have together had on patient care and medical research. Congratulations to the lucky contest winner, Judy Peters, who received a \$100 gift card to WOW! Hospitality Concepts!

Thank you to everyone who visited the Foundation in the Everett Atrium during the "Together it's OUR Foundation" week! St-Boniface Hospital has the most incredible staff!

DID YOU KNOW?

100 per cent of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation staff are also Foundation donors!

Why I support St-Boniface Hospital Foundation

St-Boniface Hospital staff share their reasons for supporting the Foundation

"I support St-Boniface Hospital Foundation because I believe in the work that you do. By securing donations from the community, the Foundation is making a dramatic impact every day, on the experience of patients and families who come to our Hospital for care."

– Jan Byrd, Manager, Patient Safety & Quality, St-Boniface Hospital

"I strongly believe that the Foundation's investment in health research is integral to better patient care today and tomorrow,"

– Dr. Pawan Singal, Director, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, St-Boniface Hospital



Dennis Sweeney, long time St-Boniface Hospital employee and a St-Boniface Hospital Foundation donor for more than 22 years.

"I support St-Boniface Hospital Foundation to thank the staff for their continued commitment, dedication, hard work, caring and compassion; helping to improve the quality of life for the people in the community who come to St-Boniface Hospital for treatment,"

– Dennis Sweeney, Computing Services, St-Boniface Hospital

"Working for St-Boniface Hospital is different in that our 'business' is one of providing a tremendous public service to citizens of this community that need our help. It just made sense to me to direct my regular charitable donations to the Foundation to support this worthy cause and the caring excellent people that work here to deliver this service. I also direct my donation to the Foundation because I plain and simple love working here!"

– Dave Leschasin, Chief Human Resources Officer, St-Boniface Hospital

2011 Radiothon of Hope and Healing, presented by Vickar Automotive Group, raises \$102,416!

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF DONORS, sponsors, volunteers and community leaders, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation's 2011 Radiothon of Hope and Healing, presented by Vickar Automotive Group raised an incredible \$102,416 for patient care and medical research at St-Boniface Hospital!

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, the 2011 Radiothon of Hope and Healing, presented by Vickar Automotive Group, in partnership with CJOB 68, took place.

St-Boniface Hospital patients, donors, and health care providers shared their stories of hope and healing with CJOB 68 listeners, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 6. Health Report hosts Chuck LaFlèche, and Greg Mackling, along with

Brenlee Carrington, Event Chair, hosted the Radiothon.

Special guests, Premier Greg Selinger, Mayor Sam Katz, pro-golfer Adam Speirs and Mick E. Moose were also on hand throughout the day to accept donations, greet Hospital staff and visitors, and share their own stories of hope and healing.

"We are thrilled with the response we received from the community," said Chuck LaFlèche, President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation. "I was very pleased in 2010 when the Radiothon of Hope and Healing raised \$70,000. We said at that time that we wanted 2011 to be even bigger and better – and it was! We had a goal of \$90,000 for the day. Raising more than \$100,000 for patient care and medical research at St-Boniface Hospital in a single day is a great achievement."

Louis St-Cyr, Vice President of Development, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation, Premier Greg Selinger, Chuck LaFlèche, President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation, and Greg Mackling, Co-host, the Health Report.



Larry Vickar, President & CEO, Vickar Automotive Group and Presenting Sponsor of the 2011 Radiothon of Hope and Healing, with Mayor Sam Katz and Brenlee Carrington, Radiothon of Hope and Healing Chair.

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VICKAR AUTOMOTIVE GROUP STAFF LENDS A HELPING HAND

For the second year in a row, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation's 2011 Radiothon of Hope and Healing was generously presented by Vickar Automotive Group. Many Vickar Automotive Group employees volunteered, manning the phone lines, accepting donations and selling rainbow auction tickets. The employees also raised funds prior to the event, and made an incredible \$5,000 donation to St-Boniface Hospital Foundation!



Judith Hall, Ashleigh Hall and husband Josh, and Nicholas Hall, honour their late husband and father, Dr. Philip Hall.

ONE PERSON LEADING THE CHARGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Rock the Cradle event in support of the Dr. Phil Hall Cradle Fund raises \$12,000



ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, JUDITH HALL and 70 of her friends gathered at Mayberry Fine Art for Rock the Cradle, an evening in support of the Dr. Phil Hall Cradle Fund.

Dr. Philip Hall was the Director of the Fetal Assessment, Obstetrical Outreach Program at St-Boniface Hospital and Chair of the Medical Advisory Council. Dr. Hall spent nearly 20 years caring for mothers and newborns and teaching medical residents at St-Boniface Hospital. He passed away in 2008.

In honour of her late husband, Judith Hall established the Dr. Phil Hall Cradle Fund. The fund provides financial support to enhance the work of the St-Boniface Hospital Obstetrical Outreach Program, Fetal Assessment Unit.

Guests enjoyed performances from the cast of Shakespeare in the Ruins, while celebrating the things Dr. Hall loved in life, including the arts, good food and fine wine. The evening raised over \$12,000 in support of patient care and education at St-Boniface Hospital.

To make a donation to the Dr. Phil Hall Cradle Fund, or to learn more about hosting your own event in support of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation visit www.saintboniface.ca or call 237-2067.

Thank you to the following supporters who helped make Rock the Cradle a tremendous success!

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MODERN MEDICINE

St-Boniface Hospital Foundation has partnered with CTV Winnipeg to bring Manitobans exciting updates from St-Boniface Hospital. Tune in to CTV News at Six on the second Thursday of every month to learn about groundbreaking research and patient care initiatives taking place at St-Boniface Hospital.

You can also catch up on past episodes of Modern Medicine by visiting www.saintboniface.ca.

HOSTING AN EVENT FOR ST-BONIFACE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Many individuals, community groups, schools and organizations have hosted events in support of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation. As a result of these efforts, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised!

If you are interested in hosting an event and don't know where to start ... St-Boniface Hospital Foundation can help! Go online to www.saintboniface.ca and download the Special Events Guide, which will provide you with the steps to bring your great idea to life. Please complete the event proposal form to let us know about your event and how we can help make your fundraiser a reality.

For more information on hosting a fundraising event in support of St-Boniface Hospital Foundation, contact Heather Olynick, Development Coordinator, at events@stbhf.org or (204) 237-2998.

The Gift of Hope and Healing

TWENTY-FIVE AND A HALF WEEKS INTO HER PREGNANCY, Stephanie Szmerski was admitted to St-Boniface Hospital with high blood pressure. Less than three weeks later, her liver began to fail. A decision had to be made to save not only Stephanie's life, but her daughter's life too.



Thanks to St-Boniface Hospital, Shelby Szmerski can now breathe on her own.

Shelby was born on November 8, 2009, three months premature. She weighed a mere 1 pound 14 ounces.

After Shelby was safely delivered, Stephanie was too weak to be moved to the intensive care unit, so one was created for her to recover on St-Boniface Hospital's Labour and Delivery ward. Meanwhile, Shelby fought for her life.

The staff in St-Boniface Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) did everything they could to help Shelby in her fight. They knew how sick she was and how hard she was going to have to struggle to get well.

Even though Stephanie was unable to see her daughter for the first two days of her life, she was able to give her a name. With the help of caring Labour and Delivery staff, she chose the name Shelby Louise Sloan Szmerski. Sloan means warrior, and that's exactly what Shelby turned out to be.

Shelby was put on a specialized ventilator to help her breathe. Every breath was a struggle. After several weeks in the NICU, Shelby was diagnosed with chronic lung disease, a condition with a devastating prognosis.

"I knew that my Shelby was a fighter," said Stephanie. "After six weeks, Shelby was off her ventilator and began a treatment to help her lungs stay open. She did not relapse. It was truly a miracle."

Thanks to the generous support of donors, St-Boniface Hospital's NICU is able to provide the absolute best care to Manitoba's smallest patients.

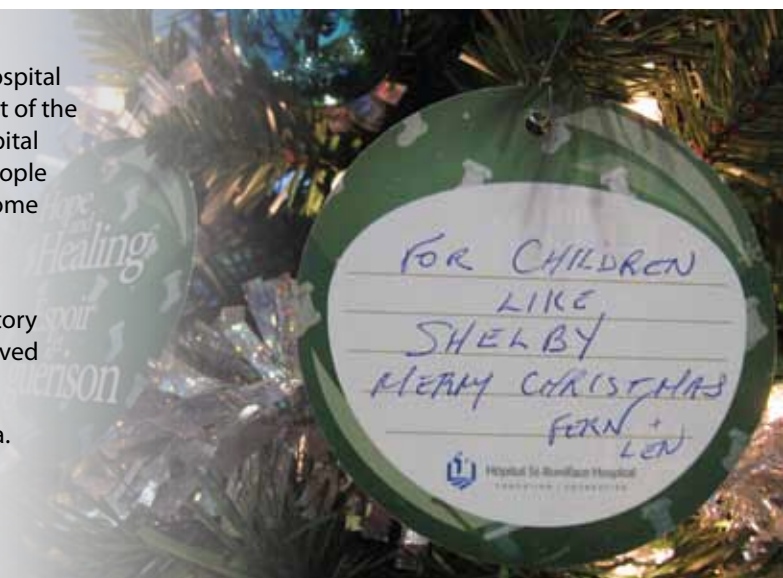
After 97 days in the NICU, Stephanie was finally able to bring Shelby home.

"The staff cared for Shelby as if she were their own. I cannot ever repay them for saving my baby," said Stephanie. "It is because of the care and compassion she received at St-Boniface Hospital that Shelby survived to be the thriving little girl she is today."

Every year during the holiday season, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation sells paper holiday ornaments in support of the many Manitoba families who spend time in the Hospital over the holidays. For a minimum donation of \$2, people can purchase two ornaments: one for their tree at home and one to place on the Tree of Hope and Healing in St-Boniface Hospital's Everett Atrium.

This year, some donors were so moved by Shelby's story that they chose to honour her and the care she received with their Hope and Healing ornament.

To read Shelby's full story, visit www.saintboniface.ca.



Dr. Thomas Netticadan and Dr. Peter Zahradka, Principal Investigators, the Canadian Centre for Agri-food Research in Health and Medicine, St-Boniface Hospital.

SUPER FOODS. SUPER FUNCTION.



THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF DONORS, St-Boniface Hospital is leading the way in nutraceutical and functional food research – finding innovative new treatments for diseases, using ingredients found in your kitchen.

On Tuesday, November 15, 2011, guests gathered at the Reh-Fit Centre for an informative presentation on the heart health benefits of super foods. St-Boniface Hospital researchers Dr. Thomas Netticadan and Dr. Peter Zahradka shared the groundbreaking findings of their innovative research with more than 70 guests.

“Heart disease remains the leading cause of death worldwide,” says Dr. Grant Pierce, Executive Director of Research, St-Boniface Hospital. “We are examining new strategies to prevent or reverse heart disease, such as the use of food-derived compounds, also known as nutraceuticals.”

Both Dr. Netticadan and Dr. Zahradka work for the Canadian Centre for Agri-food Research in Health and Medicine (CCARM), located within St-Boniface Hospital Research. The Canadian Centre for Agri-food Research in Health and Medicine is dedicated to understanding the health related benefits of nutraceuticals, functional foods, and natural health products (health food).

Dr. Zahradka shared results of a clinical trial he and his research team recently conducted, which investigated the effects of eating legumes (like beans, peas, lentils), on atherosclerotic disease, or hardening of the arteries.

Dr. Netticadan shared information about his latest study, investigating the use of fruit-derived polyphenols such as resveratrol, predominantly found in the skin of dark grapes, for the prevention or treatment of heart disease. Resveratrol is also found in red wine.

“Community support makes it possible for us to conduct innovative research that may one day lead to the better prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases,” says Dr. Pierce. “In many ways, the donors are in the lab with us. We may be the hands conducting the research, but without donors, we would not be able to make the discoveries that we do.”

To support innovative research taking place at St-Boniface Hospital, please call 237-2067 or visit St-Boniface Hospital Foundation online at www.saintboniface.ca.

Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences hosts Winnipeg Heart International Conference

St-Boniface Hospital Foundation and the Sir Thomas Cropo Foundation partner to bring women's heart health expert to Conference

ST-BONIFACE HOSPITAL'S INSTITUTE of Cardiovascular Sciences hosted Winnipeg Heart International, one of North America's premier heart health research conferences, from October 13 to 16, 2011. The Conference was held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, with 15 symposiums, five plenary lectures, two public forums, and a gala dinner taking place over two-and-a-half days.

“Conferences of this caliber support the development of research around the globe. It brought together some of the greatest minds in cardiovascular research to discuss opportunities for advancements in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the cardiac disease,” said Dr. Pawan Singal, Director, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences. “Many of them were trained right here in the St- Boniface Hospital Research Centre.”

St-Boniface Hospital Foundation and the Sir Thomas Cropo Foundation partnered to bring Dr. Suzanne Oparil, Director of the Vascular Biology and Hypertension

Program, University of Alabama, to Winnipeg to lead a public forum on “Hormones and the Heart: Promises, Problems and Unresolved Issues.”

“In partnership with the Sir Thomas Cropo Foundation, we are looking for new ways to raise awareness of women's risk of heart disease, improve diagnostic techniques and improve health outcomes for women who experience cardiovascular disease,” said Chuck LaFlèche, President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation.

Winnipeg Heart International conference attendees.



thank you

A special thank you to those who made contributions from June 1 to September 30, 2011 to the St-Boniface Hospital Foundation in honour or in memory of the individuals listed below:

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