ON APRIL 16, in the company of family and friends, the Honourable Douglas (Doug) and Patricia (Patty) Everett announced a $1 million donation to establish the “Honourable Douglas & Patricia Everett and Royal Canadian Properties Limited Endowment Fund.” The fund will provide a sustainable source of funding for the Division of Neurodegenerative Disorders, St. Boniface Hospital.

The announcement was made in the Everett Atrium to a crowd of more than 150, including all six of Doug and Patty’s children: Sarah, Bethan, Ashleigh, Kate, and Ashleigh.

The Honourable Douglas and Patricia Everett

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Douglas and Jane. Family has always been very important to Doug and Patty, and played an important role in their decision to establish this endowment.

The Everetts have a long history with St. Boniface Hospital, beginning in 1949 when Horace Everett, Doug's father, chaired the hospital fundraising committee. Doug also sat on this committee, and together they helped raise $2 million in public donations for the first hospital expansion.

Since then, the family has supported several St. Boniface Hospital initiatives, including: the development of the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre, the I.H. Asper Clinical Research Institute, the Bergen Cardiac Care Centre and the Palliative Care Program.

Dementia and autism have touched the Everett family. This experience has made them want to invest in neurodegenerative research, specifically, in Manitoba, where they have built their businesses and raised their family.

“With medical research and science they have extended peoples’ lives,” said Senator Everett. “We have extended lives and done wonders with the physical aspect of people, but we have fallen short on the mental side of life. Living a long time but not being able to partake in life is not what we want. We want people to have a meaningful life.”

Doug and Patty have had a very meaningful life. From 1966 to 1994 Doug served on the Senate of Canada. At the same time, he expanded the family business, Dominion Motors Car Dealership, to include a chain of gas stations – Domo Gasoline.

Today, the Everett business ventures include: Domo Gasoline, Dominion Motors and related car dealerships, Royal Canadian Properties Limited, Carpell’s Water and the parent company, Royal Canadian Securities Limited.

Most important to Doug and Patty, they have been blessed with six children and 11 grandchildren. They have always encouraged philanthropy within their family, and hope that their children, grandchildren and future generations will continue the legacy they have begun by contributing to this fund.

In recognition of the Everett donation St. Boniface Hospital named its main entrance the Everett Atrium.

“The main entrance is a meeting place for staff, patients and family members. It is warm and inviting,” says Aidan O’Brien, Chair, St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation Board of Directors. “This space is truly the heart of St. Boniface Hospital, I can’t think of a better place to honour the Everett’s gift.”

For more information and to watch a video of the announcement, visit our website, www.saintboniface.ca.

Did You Know?

Thanks to generous donors, such as Senator Doug and Patty Everett, the St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation has seventy-eight (2008) endowment funds, totaling more than $10 million! The interest generated in 2006-2007 for granting was $355,000. The money is used to support initiatives of the donors’ choosing, in the areas of patient care, health research, education, and awards.
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What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a great way to give a gift that, literally, keeps on giving. The gift creates a permanent legacy because the donation remains in perpetuity. The principal donation is invested and only the interest is expended. An agreement signed between the donor and the Foundation ensures that the interest earned on the gift is used to support the donor’s area of interest. The Foundation reports annually to the donor on the status of the fund and how the funds were allocated. The fund may be “named,” enabling the donor to make a lasting statement of their values, an enduring record of their life’s work, or to honour a family member or friend. After an endowment fund has been established, anyone can contribute to it – increasing the amount of annual interest available for granting.

If you are interested in establishing an endowment fund at St. Boniface Hospital, please contact Sara Penner, Director of Planned Giving, at (204) 235-3696.

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Message from the Foundation’s Chair

The first few months of 2009 have been very busy at St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation – and we couldn’t be happier!

Thanks to the commitment and passion of the Foundation donors, volunteers, Board and staff, the year so far has been filled with big donations, exciting announcements and fantastic events.

We have been so successful these past few months that we’ve expanded the Believe newsletter. Eight pages was not nearly enough to contain all of the wonderful stories coming out of St. Boniface Hospital, it was even hard to fit everything into 12 pages! That is what I like to call a “successful problem.”

Some of my favorite highlights from the past few months: a $1 million donation from a wonderful Winnipeg family, The Honourable Douglas and Patricia Everett; Twenty 20-year, or more, donors were recognized at our annual Spring Donor Appreciation Brunch for their long-standing support of the Foundation; and Mr. Abdo (Albert) El Tassi, a dear friend of St. Boniface Hospital, has volunteered to raise funds for a very important piece of equipment for the Cardiac Sciences Program.

As always, a special thank you to St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation’s dedicated Board of Directors, whose wisdom and diligence continue to lead the Foundation through a changing economic climate.

Thanks to the Board’s careful stewardship, the Foundation’s endowments and investments remain strong, as does its ability to provide funding for innovative patient care and world-renowned health research at St. Boniface Hospital.

Sincerely,
Aidan O’Brien
Chair
St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation
McPherson’s work in the St. Boniface Hospital Geriatric Unit started several years ago. She began by painting the ceiling tiles on the Unit, and moved onto a series of framed paintings that now cover the walls. Every painting has a story. McPherson encourages the patients to share their memories and let her recreate them on canvas.

“For our seniors who find themselves in a hospital setting, encouraging the act of reminiscence is highly beneficial to their interpersonal skills. It gives the person a sense of value, importance, belonging, power and peace,” says McPherson. Geriatric patients are hospitalized for a variety of health reasons and receive rehabilitation services before returning home or moving into a care facility.

Walking through the Geriatric Unit with Darlene is like ‘walking down memory lane.’ She vividly describes each painting. She remembers which patients worked on them with her and she remembers the personal stories that inspired the images.

McPherson brings her paints and easel to the Unit and sets up in a small alcove. Here, she engages the patients in conversation, shares her photos, and asks them what they would like to see her paint. She takes their direction and the paintings take on a life of their own.

“When you’re in a hospital, many of the daily decisions you’re used to making are made for you,” says McPherson. “When I paint with patients, I give them back the power of choice. They are in control of what the painting becomes. And when it’s finished, it’s hung and remains in the unit as a collective memory.”

McPherson has a very personal connection to St. Boniface Hospital, where as a baby, she was treated for polio. The illness paralyzed McPherson’s right arm and she has had corrective surgery which has restored some degree of movement to her right arm and she required major surgery to correct spinal problems. The way McPherson carries herself, and paints, you would never know she has a disability. For her, this ties her closer to the patients she works with.

“As someone with a disability, I know how important it is to have a sense of purpose,” says McPherson. “We all need purpose and that’s what I try to give to the patients, and that’s what they have given me.”

Recently, McPherson branched out from the Geriatric Unit. With the help of some friends, she collected, matted, and framed more than two dozen pieces of artwork for the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICCS).

When Dr. Joel Zivot, Director, ICCS, requested art for the unit, he never anticipated such a quick and powerful response.

“The ICCS staff is very grateful for this donation and to all of the artists involved. Art gives us hope and reminds us of better days and brighter futures,” says Dr. Zivot.

McPherson’s volunteer work at St. Boniface Hospital has earned her lots of attention recently. On May 6, McPherson was honoured with a Certificate of Recognition for her YWCA Women of Distinction nomination. Then on May 11, City TV honoured Darlene as a City Hero. This recognition may be coming to her all at once now, but to the hundreds of patients whose lives she has recreated and immortalized in art, Darlene has been a hero for years.
Message from the Foundation’s President & CEO

Manitobans are well known for their generosity. We give generously of our time, our resources and our expertise. This has never been more apparent in our province than it was this spring. These past few months have been a true testament to the character of our communities and the people who make them great.

When the Red River rose, thousands of Manitobans filled and stacked sandbags to save the homes of their neighbours. When the H1N1 flu emerged, the Winnipeg National Microbiology Laboratory staff worked round the clock to crack its code. At the same time, healthcare professionals throughout the province worked tirelessly to prevent that flu from spreading.

At St. Boniface Hospital we saw the generosity of community leaders, like Senator Douglas and Patricia Everett, who donated $1 million to create an endowment in support of neurodegenerative research.

When news spread that the funding which supported the St. Boniface Hospital therapeutic clown program had run out, individuals, businesses and organizations generously donated what they could to save the program. Thanks to this incredible support, more than $160,000 was raised!

And, we see the generosity of people like you, ongoing St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation donors who continue to send in annual pledges, memorial gifts and lottery ticket orders.

I am reminded every day of how lucky I am to live in such a generous province, and how lucky I am to be part of such a wonderful Foundation. Thank you for making the difference in Manitoba, and at St. Boniface Hospital!

Sincerely,

Stuart Murray
President & CEO,
St. Boniface Hospital
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Dr. Elissavet Kardami Honoured with YWCA Women of Distinction Award

St. Boniface Hospital Researcher recognized for her contributions to research and innovation

Dr. Elissavet Kardami, Principal Investigator, St. Boniface Hospital, with her Women of Distinction Award

Minister Jim Rondeau presents Dr. Elissavet Kardami, Principal Investigator, St. Boniface Hospital, with her Women of Distinction Award

St. Boniface Hospital is full of Women of Distinction!

In addition to Darlene McPherson’s nomination (see page four), and the nomination of St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation’s own Kelly de Groot, Dr. Elissavet Kardami, an Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences Researcher at St. Boniface Hospital and Professor at the University of Manitoba, was nominated and won in the Research and Innovation category.

Dr. Kardami leads a Muscle Cell Biochemistry research lab, where several investigations are underway, including: characterization of the “injury-resistant” cardiac state, cardiac repair-regeneration, cardiac cell death – hypertrophy, and regulation of and by Connexin-43. Her work addresses fundamental cardiac issues. Cardiac tissue protection and regeneration are very novel approaches to reduce tissue loss and dysfunction and are quickly gaining interest world-wide.

Her career at St. Boniface Hospital began in 1987, when she joined the Research Centre as a staff scientist. Dr. Kardami became a faculty member at the University of Manitoba the same year. She now directs her own lab at St. Boniface Hospital’s Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and is a full professor in the Department of Human Anatomy and Cell Sciences, University of Manitoba.

The YWCA Women of Distinction Awards recognize outstanding community volunteers, professionals and young people. The awards are presented at an annual gala dinner, which took place this year on May 6. Sixty women were nominated in 10 categories.

For more information on Dr. Kardami’s research, visit www.sbrc.ca.
Laughter is the Best Medicine
Variety, The Children’s Charity of Manitoba Partners with St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation to bring joy to sick kids.

In February, St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation learned that the external grant which supported the Hospital’s therapeutic clown program had ended. As a result, the clowns, who work four days a week in the Ambulatory Care Facility (ACF) Pediatric Out-Patient Unit, were not sure how long their program could continue to run.

The story was quickly picked up by local media. What happened next was overwhelming – the Foundation phones began ringing off the hook with calls from concerned Manitobans who didn’t want to see the clowns hang up their big shoes. The callers had a singular message, “send in the clowns!”

The result? $162,000 – ten years of funding – was raised. The donations range from stickers and bubbles to one very large donation from Variety, The Children’s Charity of Manitoba, which pledged $120,000 to support the clowns’ work. In recognition of this substantial commitment, the program has been renamed, “The Variety Children’s Therapeutic Clown Program at St. Boniface Hospital.”

Four other big donors came forward: $10,000 was donated by the Kinsmen of Winnipeg, $15,000 was donated by Cambrian Excavators Ltd., $6,000 was donated by Ackland Grainger, and private donor Brian Hayward, gave $10,000.

A new fund was established at St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation which will keep the clowns in the Pediatric Outpatient Unit for years to come.

The four clowns, Dr. Sunny Soleil, Super Dot, Maude B, and Kit Kazoo, each work one day a week at St. Boniface Hospital, where they entertain children before and after their doctor’s appointments. While it may look like all fun and games to an outsider, Darlene Mihalchuk, Coordinator of the Pediatric Out-Patient Clinic says the program has a very real therapeutic component to it.

“I have watched kids with development difficulties or disabilities make incredible progress in overcoming their symptoms when playing with the clowns. The children are encouraged to participate, to play games and interact in a way that is therapeutic but also fun,” says Mihalchuk. “The clowns also distract and relax children who may need to have a shot or an unpleasant test. They really make our jobs a lot easier while making the kids so happy!”

Mihalchuk says that many kids and parents look forward to seeing the clowns when they visit St. Boniface Hospital. Some parents even schedule their appointments around when they know a clown will be in the clinic. And when the clowns aren’t present, the children miss them.

Variety is honored to partner with our sponsors, donors and the St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation to help put smiles on the faces of children through the ‘Variety Children’s Therapeutic Clown Program at St. Boniface Hospital,’” says Wayne Rogers, Executive Director, Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba.

To learn more about how you can support this or other innovative patient care programs at St. Boniface Hospital, please visit www.saintboniface.ca or call 237-2067.
ON APRIL 29, Mr. Abdo (Albert) El Tassi, President & CEO of Peerless Garments and 2009 recipient of the Order of Manitoba, hosted a fundraising dinner in support of the St. Boniface Hospital’s Cardiac Sciences Program. The goal: to raise $1.5 million for the purchase of a high-speed CT Scanner.

Mr. El Tassi first became involved with the St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation in 2006, when he was driving home from work and serendipitously turned on his radio to St. Boniface Hospital’s Radiothon of Hope. They were announcing the Foundation was only $20,000 shy of its $100,000 event goal. It was a goal Mr. El Tassi could help them meet; he immediately grabbed his cell phone and called in his pledge.

Since that time, Mr. El Tassi has been a regular Foundation donor and has supported several fundraising events. After his son received cardiac care at St. Boniface Hospital this year, this particular fundraising initiative became a very personal commitment for Mr. El Tassi. “There is nothing more important that we can invest in than health care and education,” says Mr. El Tassi. “St. Boniface Hospital is a very special place and I am happy to support the patient care and research that happens there.”

The CT Scanner is a $3 million investment. If St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation can raise $1.5 million, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority will invest the other $1.5 million for its purchase.

Mr. El Tassi has personally committed $150,000 to this initiative. At the fundraising dinner, Mr. El Tassi invited the 42 guests to join him in contributing to the purchase of this important medical equipment.

Dr. Davinder Jassal, Assistant Professor of Cardiology, Radiology and Physiology, and Principal investigator of the cardiovascular imaging laboratory at St. Boniface Hospital, along with Dr. Iain Kirkpatrick, Radiologist, Department of Diagnostic Imaging, gave a short presentation on the CT Scanner and how it would be used to improve patient care and expand research opportunities at St. Boniface Hospital (see the side bar for more information).

St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation thanks Mr. El Tassi for his commitment to health care in Manitoba, and for leading this important fundraising initiative.

To find out how you can support this initiative visit www.saintboniface.ca or call 237-2067.
It’s All About the Research
St. Boniface Hospital Partners with the Louis Riel School Division to Teach Kids Science in a Whole New Way

WHAT DO YOU GET when you combine St. Boniface Hospital researcher, Stephen Jones, a class of grade 8 students, and a box of pig organs? Answer: the most popular science class in the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD)!

In only its third year, “It’s All About Me” has had resounding success. Teachers, students and researchers agree: the program benefits everyone! Jones’ brainchild has quickly grown to include all 38 schools in the division, teaching more than 3000 students in grades five through twelve.

Before launching “It’s all About Me,” Jones was a research technician in Dr. Ian Dixon’s molecular cardiology lab at St. Boniface Hospital. While interested in conducting medical research, Jones also felt compelled to teach.

Jones went back to school, completed his education degree, and returned to St. Boniface Hospital with a plan to develop a partnership between the local school division and St. Boniface Hospital. Jones teamed up with Dr. Mark Torchia, former Director of Clinical Research, to create “It’s All About Me” in collaboration with the Louis Riel School Division.

The idea was to introduce students to the current science research taking place at St. Boniface Hospital, while helping teachers improve their science curriculum by adding lessons on local medical research. It was a completely unique initiative designed to bring research to the classroom and encourage more kids to take an active interest in health, science and medicine.

“I am extremely impressed with what you bring to my science program,” one teacher wrote. “I use the term ‘value-added’ when describing the program to my administration.”

“It’s All About Me,” has two components: a classroom session with Jones and a tour of the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre. In the classroom, students do half-day workshops on research initiatives underway at St. Boniface Hospital. These topics relate directly to what the students are already learning. For instance: students studying optics in their science class may get a lesson from Jones on diabetic neuropathy, complete with an eyeball dissection.

“Having the kids touch, feel, and smell the hearts and lungs as they did, makes it real for them. Many still comment about that experience and the surprises it held,” another teacher wrote.

After the classroom session, Jones brings the students back to St. Boniface Hospital. Here, kids get a tour and the opportunity to do “lab work” with researchers.

“I think kids have a lot of misconceptions about what a medical researcher is like,” says Jones. “They assume we’re geeky or intimidating and they don’t understand what we do all day or why we do it. We’re breaking those stereotypes. I hope it encourages more kids to pursue studies in science and medicine, and to understand their own health in a meaningful way.”

As a joint initiative, funding for the program is shared between LRSD and St. Boniface Hospital.

For more information on the “It’s All About Me” program please visit www.sbrc.ca.

To learn how you can support initiatives like this, please visit www.saintboniface.ca or call 237-2067.
St. Boniface Hospital Researchers are Fighting Cardiovascular Disease… with Pulses!

THANKS TO A CLINICAL STUDY by researchers at the Canadian Centre for Agri-Food Research in Health and Medicine (CCARM) at St. Boniface Hospital, the world now has another tool in the fight against cardiovascular disease; and it’s something almost everyone has in their pantry.

The study examined the cardiovascular benefits of daily pulse consumption, including beans, peas, lentils and chickpeas. Their results are big news – a pulse-rich diet dramatically improves blood vessel function in individuals with peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

The study was conducted by Dr. Peter Zahradka, Director of CCARM, Dr. Carla Taylor, St. Boniface Hospital researcher, and Dr. Randy Guzman, Director of Clinical Research and Head of the Vascular Surgery Program at St. Boniface Hospital.

Study participants ate half a cup of pulses each day for eight weeks, after which, participants showed significant improvements in arterial function, including a 10 per cent increase in blood flow, decreased arterial stiffness and several participants reported an increased ability to walk.

Regular pulse consumption also reduced the body mass index of study participants and significantly reduced LDL cholesterol levels. Increased levels of fibre, folate, Vitamin C, iron, zinc, potassium and protein, were also recorded.

“Pulses are a true functional food – they may offer significant protection against cardiovascular disease, are readily available and the amount can be easily integrated into an everyday diet,” says Dr. Taylor.

For more information on this and other studies taking place at St. Boniface Hospital, please visit www.sbrc.ca.

St. Boniface Study Shows Running Marathons Can Cause Short-Term Cardiac Dysfunction

A NEW STUDY CONDUCTED at St. Boniface Hospital, and funded by St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation, has big news for athletes and long distance runners.

Led by Dr. Davinder S. Jassal, Principal Investigator, St. Boniface Hospital and Assistant Professor of Cardiology, Radiology and Physiology, University of Manitoba, the study shows running marathons causes short-term cardiac dysfunction, but does not result in permanent heart muscle damage. The study is the first of its kind to use advanced cardiac imaging technology – cardiac MRI – to show the cardiac abnormalities experienced by long-distance runners.

The 14 study participants were between 18 to 40 years-of-age and were all healthy, amateur athletes, who trained moderately before running the 2008 Manitoba Marathon. Participants underwent blood tests and cardiac imaging, prior to, immediately following, and one week after the marathon.

Biomarkers used to identify cardiac stress, such as heart attacks, were elevated in all athletes post-race. The post-race echocardiograms and MRI showed changes in the right and left ventricles ability to relax, and a decrease in the pumping function of the right ventricle. These abnormalities resolved within one week.

Dr. Jassal says that while this is a major breakthrough, more research is needed to determine how many marathons the heart can endure before long-term damage takes place. He advises that runners consult their doctor and train appropriately prior to a marathon.

A second research study is planned for the 2009 Manitoba Marathon, in which Dr. Jassal will look at half-marathon runners. Future studies will look at multiple marathon runners.
St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation is privileged to have the support and commitment of many dedicated donors, who share with us a vision of innovative patient care and health and medical research in Manitoba.

One way the Foundation thanks our supporters is through Donor Appreciation Events. These events give us a chance to talk to our donors about the health issues that matter to them and share with them the new and exciting initiatives taking place at St. Boniface Hospital, those which their contributions support.

Held at St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre on Saturday, April 18, more than 90 donors enjoyed a heart-healthy (and flax enriched) brunch, followed by a presentation from Dr. Randy Guzman, Director of Clinical Research, and Head of the Vascular Surgeon Program.

This spring, the Foundation had the great honour of recognizing numerous long term donors – twenty of them – who have been giving annually to St. Boniface Hospital for twenty years or more!

The Foundation appreciates the generous support of all its donors. The fact that so many were recognized for their long term commitment to St. Boniface Hospital speaks to the quality of work and the character of the men and women who make St. Boniface Hospital the world-renowned facility that it is. Thank you to all of our donors!

HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY!

On behalf of everyone at St. Boniface Hospital, Happy Birthday to Reta McRuer, who will turn 101 years young on June 5. Reta has been a St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation donor for more than 37 years!

On April 18, Foundation staff had a chance to catch-up with Reta at the annual spring Donor Appreciation Brunch. Reta and her sister Marion, also a long time donor, have attended these events for many years. Marion could not attend this year, but Reta was there to represent the McRuer sisters. Happy Birthday!

The St. Boniface Hospital Centre of Excellence will occupy 41,000 square feet of new and renovated space, with a focus on more private rooms for patients, natural light, private bathing facilities, more room for visitors and other patient comforts.

The expansion will increase the number of cardiac beds by 15 and will include an expanded 32-bed cardiac in-patient unit, a dedicated 15-bed cardiac intensive care unit, a new six-bed chest-pain evaluation unit within the emergency department, and the development of a satellite pharmacy dedicated to serve the cardiac unit.

Dr. Alan Menkis, Medical Director of the Cardiac Sciences Program, said the facility was designed...
EVENTS

Check out what’s happening at St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation in 2009!

**August 26 – 3rd Annual Cardiac Classic Pro Am**

Pine Ridge Golf Club will host the 3rd Annual Cardiac Classic Pro Am, in support of patient care, and health and medical research at St. Boniface Hospital.

This year, the event takes place on Wednesday, August 26. Join us for a game of golf, dinner and your chance to win great prizes! To register, go to www.cardiacclassic.com.

**October 7 – Cold Cash Lotto Launch**

Tickets for the St. Boniface Hospital Cold Cash Lottery go on sale October 7 – it’s your chance to win all sorts of cash prizes, including the $75,000 grand prize, to be drawn November 19.

All proceeds support health research and patient care at St. Boniface Hospital.

**November 26 – Radiothon de l’espoir Radio-Canada**

Be sure to tune your radio to CKSB 1050 A.M. on November 26, to listen as Radio-Canada broadcasts live from the St. Boniface Hospital Everett Atrium all day; talking with patients, doctors, researchers and Hospital staff about the health topics that matter to you.

Call in, visit www.saintboniface.ca, or stop by the Hospital to make your donation. Be sure to watch for event details this fall!

Want to keep up to date on everything that’s happening at St. Boniface Hospital? Visit www.thehealthreport.ca and subscribe to the weekly Health Report enewsletter. Every Monday, you’ll receive your “health check-up” plus, any Foundation, Hospital and research news!”

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with patients and families in mind, with large windows, natural lighting and spacious family rooms.

“Cardiac surgery is a traumatic experience for both patients and families,” says Menkis. “Being in a calming environment while you are awaiting surgery, recovering from it or waiting for a loved one to return from surgery, will help patients and families get through the experience.”

The new state-of-the-art facility will reflect the excellent work already being done by the cardiac staff. The Cardiac Sciences program was founded in 2004 and moved to the St. Boniface Hospital in 2006. Since that time, more than 25 cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, cardiac intensivists, and cardiac anesthesiologists, from prestigious institutions such as Harvard and Stanford, have joined the Program.

All cardiac services in Manitoba take place at St. Boniface Hospital, this expansion will mean greater opportunities for the program to grow and excel, providing Manitobans with the best possible cardiac care.

The new facility will incorporate environmentally sustainable design features throughout to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver standard.

Construction of the new Centre of Excellence is expected to be completed by December 2010.
Thank You

A special thank you to those who made contributions to the St. Boniface Hospital & Research Foundation in honour or in memory of the individuals listed below:

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