

## RBC DONATION WILL CREATE NEW DAY HOSPITAL

**Toronto, ON** (September 28, 2016) – RBC Foundation today announced a \$500,000 donation to the *Get Your Life Back* Campaign to create a new day hospital at West Park.

The RBC Day Hospital at West Park Healthcare Centre will provide intensive rehabilitation therapy to patients living with serious respiratory illness, helping them to live independently in their own communities. The day hospital will also expand to include a new geriatric service, enabling seniors to live at home longer.

“West Park Healthcare Centre helps people get back to their daily lives after suffering a physical hardship or accident, and supporting the expanded day hospital to help more people live at home while undergoing treatment makes today so worthwhile for us,” said Richard Pereira, Regional Vice President, Toronto West, RBC. “I am so proud to have been able to make this donation announcement on behalf of RBC, and proud of the impact this will have on our community.”

The donation was celebrated at an event at West Park attended by patients, medical staff and volunteers. Ian Troop, Chair of the *Get Your Life Back* Campaign thanked RBC for their generous gift.

“RBC’s investment will pay real dividends for our patients and families,” he said. “The care patients receive at the RBC Day Hospital will help them to live to their fullest potential in their own homes and avoid further hospital stays.”

The day hospital will be located in the new, state-of-the-art hospital building planned for the West Park campus. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was issued earlier this month for a team to design, build, finance and maintain the 720,000 square foot facility.

“We are creating an integrated campus of care that will model the way of the future for patient care,” said Anne-Marie Malek, CEO of West Park Healthcare Centre. “The bold transformation of our campus will be enabled by our research programs, the power of technology and the creation of healing environments for our patients.”

The *Get Your Life Back* Campaign will raise a total of \$80 million toward the redevelopment of West Park’s 27-acre campus. Phase 1 of the Campaign will raise \$50 million by the end of 2021, the expected completion date of the new hospital. To date, more than \$19 million has been raised.

### About West Park Healthcare Centre

West Park has deep expertise in rehabilitative medicine, and is an essential and dynamic partner in the healthcare system. We come in where acute care leaves off, providing specialized rehabilitation for patients recovering from life-altering accidents and health challenges such as lung disease, amputation and spasticity, a debilitating sign of stroke, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis. West Park helps patients get their life back.

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