



News Release

BMO Financial Group to fund research into brain and nerve diseases

October 23, 2017 (Winnipeg, Man.) – BMO Financial Group announced this morning a \$250,000 gift to St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, in support of Neurodegenerative Disorders Research.

At St. Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre, the Department of Neurodegenerative Disorders (DND) studies brain and nerve diseases including Alzheimer’s disease, multiple sclerosis, stroke, dementias, nerve damage during diabetes and other neurological diseases.

“We are so proud to continue our support of St. Boniface Hospital, and help them advance the groundbreaking work they’re doing for neurodegenerative research,” said John MacAulay, Senior Vice-President, Prairies Central Canada Division, BMO Bank of Montreal. “This gift brings our commitment to the hospital to almost \$1 million, and we could not be more confident that it will make the future of Manitoba and our country a healthier one.”

BMO Financial Group’s support is part of the New Frontiers fundraising campaign. St. Boniface Hospital Foundation is seeking to raise funds to support the DND’s research into brain and nerve diseases, and other critical research being done at the St. Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre.

“The generous support of our donors makes the world-class research at the Albrechtsen Research Centre possible,” said Neil Duboff, Board Chair of St. Boniface Hospital Foundation. “For almost 30 years, the Foundation has had a tremendous partner in BMO Financial Group. The fact that they have over that time donated nearly \$1 million is truly extraordinary.”

“BMO Financial Group’s gift is offering hope,” said Dr. Grant Pierce, Executive Director of Research at St. Boniface Hospital. “Hope for both the patients suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and type 1 diabetes, and the families that are slowly watching their loved one fade away. Every step we take is helping bring this research from the bench to the patient at the bedside.”

“St. Boniface Hospital and the DND are grateful to BMO Financial Group for this generous gift, and for its many years of supporting St. Boniface Hospital programs,” said Brenda Badiuk, Interim President and CEO of St. Boniface Hospital. “BMO Financial Group’s generous gift in support of research demonstrates its commitment to creating a healthier society.”

“When I heard about the gift from BMO Financial Group, I was so pleased. I am a donor who believes strongly in the research that is being done on Alzheimer’s disease at St. Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre,” said St. Boniface Hospital Foundation donor Donna Plant, of Winnipeg.

About BMO Community Giving

For 200 years, BMO Financial Group has believed in community reinvestment and corporate and social responsibility in the communities it serves. In 2016, BMO contributed more than \$57 million in community donations to charitable, not-for-profit and community based institutions and organizations that help build and sustain resilient, vital and healthy communities.

About St. Boniface Hospital Foundation

St. Boniface Hospital Foundation was founded in 1971 and is the primary fundraising organization for St. Boniface Hospital. The Foundation is dedicated to making possible the many innovations in health research and patient care taking place at the Hospital. St. Boniface Hospital is a leader in patient care excellence, delivered with genuine compassion. Research at St. Boniface Hospital is where medical discoveries are made; science is translated into practices that improve human health; and today’s best minds are shaping tomorrow’s advances in health care.

About the Division of Neurodegenerative Disorders (DND) at St. Boniface Hospital

St. Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre, in Manitoba, is home to world-class Alzheimer’s research. The DND’s aim is to identify novel targets for clinical intervention for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and other neurodegenerative diseases associated with ageing and diabetes.

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