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St-Boniface Hospital Honours Winnipeg Philanthropist Paul Albrechtsen

World-renowned Research Centre renamed

WINNIPEG – St-Boniface Hospital honoured Winnipeg visionary and philanthropist Paul Albrechtsen by renaming its research centre the St-Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre.

In April 2015, the St-Boniface Hospital Foundation announced Albrechtsen's donation of \$5 million in support of pioneering cardiac research.

When combined with a previous \$2 million gift, Albrechtsen is the most significant donor in St-Boniface Hospital's 144-year history, having contributed a total of \$7 million to the Foundation.

"St-Boniface Hospital wanted to recognize Mr. Albrechtsen's contributions," says Dr. Bruce Roe, Acting President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital. "The renaming of the Research Centre is our way of thanking him for his generosity that supports life-changing discoveries."

Paul Albrechtsen, a self-made entrepreneur, established Paul's Hauling in 1957 after immigrating to Canada from Denmark. Albrechtsen built the company from the ground up, all while making it his life's work to help others in need. Albrechtsen is well-known for his generosity – his support of the community is unwavering.

"Mr. Albrechtsen has played a vital role in helping us change lives with our world-renowned research facility. With funding such as this we are able to conduct the level of research that will most benefit patients, and deliver on our mission of hope and healing," says Chuck LaFlèche, President & CEO, St-Boniface Hospital Foundation. "The St-Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre will soon be up in lights, shining bright as St-Boniface Hospital works towards a healthier future for our community."

St-Boniface Hospital is internationally recognized for its life-changing research into cardiac and vascular diseases, nutraceuticals, and neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's disease. For the past three years, it has been ranked the number one research-intensive hospital in Western Canada by Research Infosource.

"The groundbreaking discoveries we make at our facility change lives, conquer disease and work towards a better quality of life," says Dr. Grant Pierce, Executive Director of Research, St-Boniface Hospital. "Mr. Albrechtsen continues to assist us in putting our discoveries on the map and into the field. We cannot thank him enough."

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 and innovation, delivered with genuine compassion. Research at St-Boniface Hospital is where opportunities for health innovation and discovery are created; where discovery is translated into practice to improve human health, resulting in a better understanding of disease and better patient outcomes.

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