



## **The CHUM and MUHC Foundations Joint Corporate Campaign**

**The J. Armand Bombardier Foundation makes  
the largest healthcare donation in its history  
\$8 MILLION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Montreal, May 18, 2011** – The Fondation du Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) and the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Foundation announced today a generous contribution of \$8 million by the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation to the joint financing campaign being conducted by the two foundations among Quebec businesses. The amount will provide significant assistance to projects aimed at modernizing Montreal's academic hospital environment. The healthcare donation is the highest in the history of the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation, founded in 1965.

"The quality of patient care and innovation in the field of health are at the heart of the undertaking by the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation. By participating in the joint CHUM-MUHC Corporate Campaign, we want to actively contribute to providing the Montreal community with health care at the cutting edge of technology," said Janine Bombardier, president of the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation.

"With this donation, the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation acknowledges the importance of our project for our collective future; that of our children and our grandchildren. Construction of the new CHUM, a hospital for the 21st century, and its research centre will contribute to Montreal's position as a leader in life sciences," said Christian Paire, CHUM director general.

Normand Rinfret, associate executive director and chief operating officer of the McGill University Health Centre, expressed his gratitude: "By allocating this historic gift to health and research, the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation is confirming that the way forward for Montreal and Quebec cannot be mapped out without a firm commitment to the life sciences. I applaud the decision of the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation to focus on leadership and innovation in health."

## **First the business community, then all of Montreal**

The CHUM and MUHC Joint Corporate Campaign is progressing well. While retaining their individuality, the two hospital centres are working closely together to ensure the success of the two most important healthcare projects in our community's history.

The business community's leadership support of the Joint Corporate Campaign clearly demonstrates that our healthcare system and new hospital infrastructure are a primary concern. The generous support of the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation, in particular, marks an important step towards the \$300 million goals the CHUM and MUHC are each seeking to help fund their respective redevelopment projects.

"With this generous gift, the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation demonstrates its confidence and willingness to invest in health for the benefit of patients," said Ékram Antoine Rabbat, president and CEO of the Fondation du CHUM. "This major gesture makes a real difference and we are truly grateful. It embodies our goals and encourages us to continue the efforts made in recent years," he added.

"More and more, our project is uniting people with vision," said John Rae, chair of McGill University Health Centre's *Best Care for Life* Campaign. "The business community is mobilizing more than ever. It is without doubt a model for the community. It is being shown that it is really true that Montreal will soon have teaching hospitals that will be the envy of many other large modern cities."

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### **About the J. Armand Bombardier Foundation**

The J. Armand Bombardier Foundation, a private family foundation, was established in 1965 to carry on the humanitarian work of Joseph-Armand Bombardier and contribute toward the realization of Bombardier's vision of social responsibility. The Foundation is active in four key areas: Education, Community Support, Healthcare, as well as Arts and Culture.

Culturally, the Foundation also plays a very important role through the J. Armand Bombardier Museum and the Yvonne L. Bombardier Cultural Centre, located in Valcourt, Québec.

### **About the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) and its foundation**

The Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) is the largest francophone teaching hospital in North America. Known for excellent care and the expertise of its specialists, every year it welcomes more than half a million patients not only from the greater Montreal region but also the entire province of Quebec. The essence of its mission is the application of innovative approaches to healthcare, the search for new knowledge, the promotion of health and the transfer of knowledge. Boasting a rich history, the CHUM is looking to the future with the ongoing construction of new facilities and its research centre in downtown Montreal, a comprehensive project on a single site valued at approximately \$2.5 billion. The CHUM Research Centre will open its doors in 2013. It will be followed in 2016 by the unveiling of the new CHUM, a world-class teaching hospital in tune with its community where it plays an important economic and cultural role, as well as an environmental one, and in a

socially aware perspective of sustainable development and concerted urban approach.  
[www.chumtl.qc.ca](http://www.chumtl.qc.ca)

The Fondation du CHUM's mission is to provide the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal with an ongoing source of private funding to complement its public funding in order to contribute to the continuous improvement of patient care, allow for the acquisition of advanced equipment and support the CHUM's research, education and health promotion activities. [www.fondationduchum.com](http://www.fondationduchum.com)

**About the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) and *The Best Care for Life* Campaign**

One of the world's foremost academic health centres, the MUHC offers exceptional and integrated patient-centric care, research and teaching. Affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University, it is highly committed to the continuum of care in its community. The partner hospitals of the MUHC—the Lachine Hospital, the Montreal Chest Institute, the Montreal General Hospital, the Montreal Neurological Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital and The Montreal Children's Hospital—value multidisciplinary service throughout the lifespan, innovative technologies and practices, strategic partnerships and leadership in knowledge transfer. The MUHC is currently carrying out a \$2.25-billion Redevelopment Project on three campuses—the Mountain, Glen and Lachine—designed to provide healthcare professionals with an effective environment in which to ensure patients and their families the best care for life. The campuses are also anchored in best sustainable-development practices, including LEED® and BOMA BEST guidelines. [www.muhc.ca](http://www.muhc.ca)

*The Best Care for Life* Campaign is an unprecedented philanthropic effort aimed at raising the funds needed to complete the McGill University Health Centre's Redevelopment Project as well as the Capital Development Plan. [muhc.ca/cause](http://muhc.ca/cause)

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