



## Victoria Hospitals Foundation Receives \$35,000 from EDS, an HP Company, to Support Newborns

**EDS Charity Golf Classic donates funds to purchase critical medical equipment to support newborn babies**

(Victoria, BC)— The Victoria Hospitals Foundation (VHF) announced today it has received \$35,000 in funds raised through the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual EDS, an HP company Charity Golf Tournament at Royal Colwood Golf Course on September 11th. EDS, an HP company, is donating funds for specialized equipment for the maternity unit at Victoria General Hospital through this generous donation to Victoria Hospitals Foundation.

The funding will be used to purchase a fetal heart monitor, which provides health professionals with vital information about a baby's well-being while in the womb and during birth.

"We take great pride in our ability to really make a difference," said event chair Greg Conner, VP Human Resources and Communications, EDS Advanced Solutions. "For the last 12 years our company has been bringing people together for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and it has been a rewarding experience for our company, sponsors and our team. The critical medical equipment we are fundraising for gives new babies a shot at life, and it doesn't get more important than that."

EDS has organized the annual golf tournament in support of maternity care in Victoria since 1997. Through sponsor and participant generosity, the tournament has raised to date \$430,000 for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation.

"We are extremely grateful for the relationship we have developed with EDS," said Melanie McKenzie, executive director, Victoria Hospitals Foundation. "Our longstanding partnership through the EDS Charity Golf Classic has helped provide remarkable support for critically ill babies at Victoria General Hospital."

With close to 3,000 pregnancies and births monitored at Victoria General Hospital each year, fetal heart monitors are frequently used. The monitor allows health professionals to measure the heart rate of the baby and maternal contractions during birth, and to conduct "stress tests" while the baby is in the womb.

"Thanks to the dedication of EDS staff, sponsors and event participants, mothers experiencing high-risk pregnancies from all over Vancouver Island who need to come to Victoria to deliver their babies will have access to the best possible care," said McKenzie. "EDS takes social responsibilities seriously and is an outstanding corporate citizen. We are grateful for their support."

### **About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation**

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to enable donations to Vancouver Island's two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Every year we fund 40% of capital equipment purchases for these hospitals, and last year this amounted to more than \$6 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 752,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$70 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-414-6688 or go to [www.victoriahf.ca](http://www.victoriahf.ca).

### **About EDS, an HP company**

EDS, an HP company, is a leading global technology services provider, delivering business solutions to its clients. EDS founded the information technology outsourcing industry nearly 50 years ago. Today, EDS delivers a broad portfolio of information technology, applications and business process outsourcing services to clients in the manufacturing, financial services, healthcare, communications, energy, transportation, and consumer and retail industries, and to governments around the world. HP, the world's largest technology company, simplifies the technology experience for consumers and businesses with a portfolio that spans printing, personal computing, software, services and IT infrastructure. More information about HP (NYSE: HPQ) is available at <http://www.hp.com>.

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