



Media Release

Charity Golf Classic Raises \$26,770 for Neonatal Intensive Care

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Victoria – On September 10, the 17th annual Charity Golf Classic at Royal Colwood Golf Club raised an incredible \$26,700 for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Victoria General Hospital. Organized by volunteers from HP Advanced Solutions, this tournament has funded more than \$606,000 of medical equipment since 1997.

Funds from this year’s event will help purchase two new iCrib®s - sophisticated hospital cribs designed to suit the unique needs of premature and critically ill infants. The iCrib gives caregivers better access to their tiny patients than a typical pediatric crib, and has special fixtures for Intensive Care equipment that helps preserve and maintain a baby’s underdeveloped organs and systems.

“We are very grateful to HP Advanced Solutions and all the Charity Golf Classic participants and sponsors for another outstanding tournament in support of Neonatal Intensive Care at Victoria General Hospital,” said Cathy McIntyre, Board Chair for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation. “Our medical teams are dedicated to ensuring our community’s tiniest and most vulnerable patients have the best possible chance at not only surviving, but thriving. These new iCrib®s will serve hundreds of infants who require specialized care in the coming years.”

Every year, more than 500 babies are born prematurely at Victoria General Hospital. Being able to stay on the Island is far less stressful for families who are already coping with having a sick child. Victoria General is the region’s Pediatric specialty hospital and operates British Columbia’s only high-level Neonatal Intensive Care Unit outside the Lower Mainland.

“The Annual Golf Classic has become a meaningful way for HP Advanced Solutions to have a long-lasting, positive impact on our hospitals,” said Ross Davidson, President at HP Advanced Solutions. “We take pride in the fact that our contributions fund the best possible equipment and technology for our youngest community members, and we look forward to this event every year.”

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with Island Health to enable donations to Vancouver Island's two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Last year we raised almost \$7 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 765,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised \$114.5 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit www.victoriahf.ca.