



TD Bank Financial Group strengthens access to medical education with \$30,000 donation to Lloydminster Region Health Foundation (LRHF)

Lloydminster, AB – November 26, 2010 – TD Bank Group today announced one of its largest gifts to date in Lloydminster with a \$30,000 donation to Lloydminster Region Health Foundation (LRHF). TD's partnership with Lloydminster Region Health Foundation will provide financial support for the ongoing training of health care professionals within Lloydminster facilities and programs.

"The TD Grants in Medical Excellence program has made \$30,000 available to invest in the future vitality of this area's healthcare community, which we believe will help ensure the current generation of medical practitioners receives the best education and training possible," said Gord Henry, Branch Manager, TD Canada Trust. "We're proud to partner with Lloydminster Region Health Foundation to help make a difference together."

The Lloydminster facilities and programs within Prairie North Health Region employ 257 nurses and 105 allied professionals whose daily business is conducted in a highly technical, constantly changing environment. Each year health care professionals must contend with understanding and incorporating new medical practices and procedures, new techniques and equipment and ongoing developments in pharmaceuticals. The evolution of medicine is positive and Lloydminster wants to keep its employees at the forefront of these medical advances.

"Ongoing education is essential for staff to maintain their competencies and offer patient care that meets Best Practise standards," states Lois Sonnega, Director of Acute Care, Lloydminster Hospital. "The ability to offer financial support for staff to participate in educational opportunities is critical for the recruitment and retention of qualified, competent staff which in the long run optimizes patient care."

"TD Bank Group is to be commended for this commitment which affects change, not only today, but well into the future," says Georgina Altman, Executive Director, Lloydminster Region Health Foundation Inc. "They have made education a key priority area, and by supporting established health care professionals their gift will have lasting impact on the community. Thank you, TD Bank Group, for your generous gift."

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The Lloydminster Region Health Foundation is a registered non-profit organization. LRHF is currently in its 27th year of raising funds in support of healthcare in the Lloydminster community. Since inception, the Health Foundation has invested \$13.2 million dollars into the community, \$8.3 million in the past five years alone.

TD Community Giving:

We strive to make a meaningful difference in the communities where we do business and where our employees live and work. We channel our efforts into three community giving priorities: **education and financial literacy; creating opportunities for young people; and the environment.** Our customers, clients and employees have told us these are the areas that matter most to them, and they're the backbone of our community giving strategy which aims to:

- Create opportunities for young people so they can fulfill their potential
- Work with diverse communities, and communities in need, to build a more prosperous and inclusive future
- Protect and enhance the environment; and
- Engage our employees, customers and partners to make a difference together in our communities.