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Press Release

“Husky Energy Gives to the Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre Track-Lifting Project”

April 28, 2010 – Lloydminster AB/SK - The Lloydminster Region Health Foundation (LRHF) is pleased to announce a gift that promises to lift residents and spirits: a \$12,300 donation from Husky Energy. This gift will help outfit the Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre with Track Lifting- a system designed to aid in the safe movement of those residents with limited mobility.

This project at the Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre consists of outfitting 46 rooms with the Track Lifting System. The ceiling-mounted lift system helps move residents who have limited mobility by gently placing the individual in a comfortable, breathable sling so he or she can be safely moved out of or into the bed beds, to the washroom and about the room. To date, over \$340,000 has been raised toward this project, allowing for installation in 28 resident rooms. About \$350,000 is required to complete this project, and rooms will be outfitted as the funds are raised. Husky Energy’s donation brings the project one step closer to completion!

“The track lifting system which is currently being installed in our 26 private rooms allows us to safely move residents into and out of their beds in just a matter of minutes”, says Dr. Cooke Facility Manager Carol Freeman, “ Thank you to Husky Energy for their generous donation. These funds will certainly increase quality of life for our residents”

Georgina Altman, Executive Director with Lloydminster Region Health Foundation says, “Lloydminster has such a feeling of community! Every time a project arises, there have been donors, like Husky Energy, who are more than willing to help improve healthcare in our city. This project at the Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre is another powerful example of what our community can accomplish when we all come together. ”

“Husky Energy believes in giving back to the communities in which we do business”, says Dawn Veltikold, Community Relations Coordinator with Husky Energy, “We are pleased to contribute to the Track Lifting Project, which will help make our senior’s lives more comfortable, safe, and enjoyable”

The Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre is a long-term care facility in Lloydminster that is home to 105 residents. Lloydminster Region Health Foundation actively fundraises and receives donations toward equipment purchases and patient-comfort items for residents at the Dr. Cooke. Funds are raised through special events such as the Intimate Evening with the Health Foundation Gala, golf tournaments, and through corporate donations, memorial donations and special programs such as the Family Tree of Caring.

The Lloydminster Region Health Foundation is in its 27th year of providing essential funding to enhance healthcare in our community. The Lloydminster Hospital, Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre, Jubilee Home, and Community Health Services such as Home Care and Wellness Clinics all benefit from funds raised by LRHF. Since inception, over \$11.2 million dollars has been invested into the community by the Foundation, over \$7 million in the past five years alone.

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