

CIBC DONATION TO CREATE NEW INPATIENT GYMNASIUM

Toronto, ON (November 22, 2017) – West Park Healthcare Centre is pleased to announce a \$200,000 donation by CIBC toward the *Get Your Life Back Campaign* to create a new inpatient gymnasium.

The CIBC Inpatient Amputee/MSK Gymnasium will include new, specialized equipment designed to maximize the benefits of rehabilitation therapy for patients who have lost a limb or suffered a serious musculoskeletal injury, helping them to recover and get their lives back.

“CIBC is very pleased to contribute to West Park Healthcare Centre’s *Get Your Life Back Campaign* by funding a new inpatient gymnasium,” said Jonathon Dent, Senior Vice President and Region Head, GTA West, Retail Markets, CIBC. “At CIBC, we align ourselves to the cancer cause and we are proud to invest in part, to this facility that will offer expanded rehabilitative services to many who have faced amputation due to this terrible disease.”

The donation was celebrated at an event at West Park attended by patients, staff, physicians and volunteers. Ian Troop, Chair of the *Get Your Life Back Campaign* thanked CIBC for its generous gift.

“CIBC’s generous gift will enable us to provide enhanced, dedicated therapy space and an improved patient experience for people facing enormous health challenges,” he said.

“Every day in Ontario, 15 people lose a limb due to cancer, diabetes, infection, accidents and other causes. This new gymnasium will help them get out of the hospital faster and back home with their families.”

The amputee/MSK gym will be located in the new, 314-bed hospital planned for the West Park campus. In July, West Park and Infrastructure Ontario released a request for proposals (RFP) to three teams that have been pre-qualified to design, build, finance and maintain the 730,000 square foot facility. The successful bidder will be announced next summer.

“With this donation, CIBC is helping to fuel the transformation of West Park into an integrated campus of care able to meet the healthcare challenges of the future, including the rising demand for rehabilitative services,” said Anne-Marie Malek, President and CEO of West Park Healthcare Centre.

The *Get Your Life Back Campaign* will raise a total of \$80 million toward the redevelopment of West Park’s 27-acre campus. Phase 1 of the Campaign will raise \$50 million by the end of 2021, the expected completion date of the new hospital.

About West Park Healthcare Centre

With deep expertise in rehabilitative medicine, West Park is an essential and dynamic partner in the healthcare system. West Park comes in where acute care leaves off, providing specialized rehabilitative and complex care for patients recovering from life-altering illness or injury such as lung disease, amputation, stroke and traumatic musculoskeletal injuries. We help patients get their lives back.

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