

## LEADERSHIP GIFT FROM TD TO CREATE NEW RESOURCE CENTRE

**Toronto, ON** (February 7, 2017) – TD Bank Group today announced a leadership gift of \$800,000 to the *Get Your Life Back Campaign* to create a new resource centre at West Park Healthcare Centre.

The TD Patient, Family and Staff Resource Centre will provide access to a vast body of up-to-date and relevant healthcare knowledge and information that will enhance patient care and outcomes. The gift will also support education through the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario to provide advanced specialty training in skin and wound treatment to nursing staff.

"TD believes that education is critical to the health of individuals, families and communities. We know that by working together to further the education of staff, patients and their families at West Park, we will be making a difference in the future of our community," said Mike French, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Canadian Retail at TD Bank Group.

The donation was celebrated at an event at West Park attended by patients, staff, physicians and volunteers. John Freeman, Chair of West Park Foundation's Board of Directors, thanked TD for their support.

"TD's generous gift will enhance patient care and improve the patient experience while promoting a culture of learning among all members of the West Park community," said Freeman.

The resource centre will be located in the new, six-storey, approximately 730,000 square foot hospital facility planned for the West Park campus. On Feb. 2, West Park and Infrastructure Ontario announced three prequalifying teams who will be bidding to design, build, finance and maintain the new hospital building. The prequalifying teams will be invited to respond to a request for proposals, expected to be issued in spring 2017.

"Education and learning are essential components of our new integrated campus of care," said Anne-Marie Malek, CEO of West Park Healthcare Centre. "The bold transformation of our campus will set a new standard for patient care and enable us to meet the healthcare challenges of the future."

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. To date, almost \$20 million has been raised.

### About West Park Healthcare Centre

West Park has deep expertise in rehabilitative medicine, and is an essential and dynamic partner in the healthcare system. We come in where acute care leaves off, providing specialized rehabilitation for patients recovering from life-altering accidents and health challenges such as lung disease, amputation and spasticity, a debilitating symptom of stroke, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis. West Park helps patients get their lives back.

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