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Media release

Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society Gives a Hot \$1.35 Million Donation

CALGARY – Calgary Health Trust is pleased to announce it has received a \$1.35 million donation from the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society (CFBTS) which will go towards the Burn Treatment Unit at Foothills Medical Centre.

“Our members are proud of the \$1.35 million we have raised for Calgary’s Burn Treatment Centre in the last few years,” said Ray Musulak, President of the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society, “and we cannot thank those people who have supported our efforts enough. Without them, we could not continue to support all the wonderful programs and research that make an incredible difference in the lives of so many burn survivors.”

For Lorne Jackson, that difference has a very profound effect on his life. Now a Town Councilor for the town of Pincher Creek and avid golfer, Mr. Jackson suffered a severe electrical burn several years ago. Because of the state-of-the-art care and rehabilitation available, Lorne was able to get back to the life he loves.

“The time I spent in the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment centre meant everything to me, my family and even the community of Pincher Creek,” said Mr. Jackson. “The staff are an amazing group of people who are devoted to each person in the ward. The support from Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society is key to that care.”

This most recent donation is the result of three years of fundraising and building burn injury awareness by the Calgary firefighters. Over the past 35 years, they have contributed more than \$7 million to the ongoing treatment, education and research that creates world-class care for burn victims.

"State of the art burn care would not exist in Southern Alberta were it not for the support of the Calgary Firefighters' Burn Treatment Society," Dr. Duncan Nickerson, Medical Director, Calgary Firefighters' Burn Treatment Centre, "Their generous support of clinical care, basic science research, and continuing education for providers is critical to our success. Burn care providers and burn survivors alike are forever indebted and grateful to the CFBTS, and we can never thank them enough."

The funds will go towards the purchase of new equipment and the ongoing improvements to the Burn Treatment Centre. The Centre, located at Foothills Medical Centre, was also named in honour of the Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society in recognition of their dedication to the advancement of care for those who need it.

“Our partnership with the Calgary Firefighters is one we are extremely proud of. Their continuous commitment to the community, and the work they do every day, is what

continues to make Calgary a great place to live,” said Jill Olynyk, CEO of Calgary Health Trust. “The Society is made up of a very dedicated and committed group, who are so passionate in what they do - it is a pleasure to work with them.”

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Calgary Health Trust, a catalyst in health care philanthropy, connects donor passion with treatment, education and research priorities in the Calgary community. With more than \$375 million raised for health care since 1996, we help advance technologies, programs and services at Foothills Medical Centre, Peter Lougheed Centre, Rockyview General Hospital, South Health Campus, Women’s Health, Carewest continuing care centres, community health programs, and other health care organizations in our community. Visit www.calgaryhealthtrust.ca to learn more.

Established in 1978 by Calgary firefighters, the Calgary Firefighter Burn Treatment Society has now contributed more than seven million dollars to the Burn Treatment Centre at Foothills Medical Centre. Proceeds support the burn centre with equipment upgrades, leading-edge technology, supplies for burn survivors, professional development opportunities and many other enhancements.

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