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TOP CHEF CANADA'S ALL-STAR WINNER NICOLE GOMES RAISES \$40,000 FOR NICU!

CALGARY – At her third viewing party of Top Chef Canada, crowds of friends, family and supporters packed into *Home and Away* and eagerly watched as Nicole Gomes took home the win of the all-star season.

They had all gathered to show their support for Nicole as she competed against 11 other chefs from across the country, and also to raise funds to purchase equipment for the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Foothills Medical Centre. The three viewing parties raised just over \$40,000.

The NICU at Foothills Medical Centre sees some of the tiniest and most critically ill newborns across Southern Alberta. These babies require very specialized and state-of-the-art equipment to ensure that they not only survive, but thrive throughout their lives.

“It is incredibly inspiring to see Nicole take such an important journey in her life and career and create an opportunity to give back to our community,” says Denise Kinghorn, Director of Campaigns for Calgary Health Trust. “This money will support very customized and critical equipment required to care for some of the tiniest and most fragile patients at Foothills Hospital.”

It is estimated that 1 in 8 babies born in Calgary will need the care of a NICU.

WHAT: Equipment presentation to the Foothills Medical Centre's neonatal intensive care unit. (Photo and interview opportunities)

WHERE: Cluck 'n Cleaver
1511 14 St SW, Calgary, AB T3C 0Y1

WHEN: 10 am, Tuesday, July 4, 2017

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