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"BUH Foundation Monthly Giving Club Members Honoured"

North Battleford, SK – Battlefords Union Hospital (BUH) Foundation recognizes longest members of "*A Brighter Tomorrow*" Monthly Giving Club at Annual Donors' reception. Linda Nelson of Battleford & Pat Gotto of North Battleford have been members for twenty years and twenty-one years respectively.

"We are deeply appreciative of the members of our monthly giving club and the on-going support they provide to enrich healthcare every month. This year, as we organized our Annual Donors' reception, we saw that Linda & Pat had reached a significant milestone in their giving and we wanted to recognize them for their contributions," shared Leanne Ducommun, BUH Foundation Executive Director.

Linda Nelson has been a strong and faithful supporter of BUH Foundation since the passing of her father, Walter Nelson, in 2004. After the loss of a husband, father & grandfather, Linda and her family chose BUH Foundation as a recipient of memorial donations. The Nelson family was overwhelmed with the caring attitude and comfort portrayed by BUH staff members, to both Walter and the entire family during this time.

"Each time I enter Battlefords Union Hospital or another medical facility in our community, I think of two things. I am grateful our community has a local hospital that offers a variety of specialized departments and services. I also am aware, in a very small way, that I have been part of a community of others keeping our hospital functioning and growing...Monthly giving was and will be my way of saying, "Thank you!" to those in the medical field for years to come," expressed Linda when asked as to the reason why she gives and is a Monthly Giving Club member.

Pat Gotto is synonymous with BUH Foundation; you can't have one without the other. Being the longest member of the Monthly Giving Club is nothing compared to her being a part of BUH Foundation since its inception, and being a part of healthcare for her entire professional career as a registered nurse, manager and Director of Acute Care Services at BUH.

Pat, along with her late husband Al, began their monthly giving in 2003. Pat has dedicated her life to healthcare in her professional career, serving as a Board member for the Foundation and for the former Health Region and as a volunteer. Being a monthly donor is a natural extension of this commitment and a way to give back and support that which she is passionate about.

"My reasons for supporting the Foundation are actually quite selfish. If I or one of my family are in need of healthcare we will utilize the facility and staff of BUH. When I donate to BUH Foundation I know the monies will be utilized to purchase top of the line equipment...Donated funds are also used to assist qualified staff to further their education. In today's world of rapid advancement in all fields this is an important step in patient care. All of this means I can receive qualified care, close to home and family and I know that if "necessary" I will be transported to other qualified facilities," expressed Pat when asked as to the reason why she gives and is a Monthly Giving Club member.

Honourees were recognized with flowers and Certificate of Recognition as "A Brighter Tomorrow" Monthly Giving Club members joined BUH & BUH Foundation representatives to receive an update on recent events within the Foundation and healthcare. This years' reception focused on the capital campaign, "Medication Matters" and provided information on the new Pyxis MedStations and the impact they will have on healthcare in The Battlefords.

Anyone is welcome to join *"A Brighter Tomorrow"* Monthly Giving Club at any time. To sign up, or for more information, please call BUH Foundation, 306-446-6652 or visit buhfoundation.com. Members may give an amount of their choosing which can be automatically withdrawn from their bank account or credit card each month. *"A Brighter Tomorrow"* Monthly Giving Club is an opportunity to join a caring group of people committed to enriching healthcare throughout the year.

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About Battlefords Union Hospital (BUH) Foundation:

Battlefords Union Hospital (BUH) Foundation is dedicated to enriching patient care at BUH through responsible stewardship of community contributions and volunteer resources. BUH Foundation, operating independently of other healthcare organizations, is the main fundraising agency of BUH and provides funding for the purchase of capital/non-capital equipment and staff education. Through a bequest from Victor Pearsall in 2011, BUH Foundation began the Victor Pearsall Home Care Fund allowing funding for Battlefords Region Home Care. For more information about BUH Foundation visit www.buhfoundation.com.