

## **TB Vets to Give Over \$350,000 in Grants in 2008**

Burnaby, B.C. – TB Vets Charitable Foundation, a Burnaby-based registered charity, has chosen the recipients for their 2008 grants, Executive Director Ron Goyette announced today. Each year, TB Vets provides funding to B.C. medical facilities to purchase vitally needed respiratory equipment that provides better diagnostic services, treatment, early detection, and patient services for those being treated with respiratory ailments and in respiratory distress. They also provide grants for tuberculosis and other respiratory research. This year more than \$350,000 is being donated to hospitals and research facilities throughout the province.

Organizations receiving grants from TB Vets in 2008 are: B.C. Children's Hospital, B.C. Women's Hospital & Health Centre, Burnaby Hospital, East Kootenay Regional Hospital, Kelowna General Hospital, Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, New Vista Society, Richmond Hospital, Royal Columbian Hospital, St. Michael's Centre and St. Paul's Hospital. Research grants will be awarded to Dr. Yossef Av-Gay and Dr. Zakaria Hmama of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia.

"TB Vets is able to provide these grants through the ongoing support of our fundraising initiatives," said Goyette. "The funds we receive from our generous donors help us provide grants to hospitals and researchers to continue to aid British Columbians with breathing difficulties. There are immediate and often lifesaving results from the financial support that TB Vets receives. From ventilators that help accident victims and surgery patients to breathe, to oxygen concentrators that make every breath easier for patients with chronic lung disease, to research to help rid the world of tuberculosis, many British Columbians benefit from the grants we provide."

TB Vets Charitable Foundation receives no government funding. Donations to their annual Keytag Campaign and other initiatives allow TB Vets to help children and adults across B.C. in respiratory distress. Since 1946, TB Vets has provided grants in excess of \$10 million to purchase vital respiratory equipment in B.C. hospitals, fund local respiratory research and education, and support the training of future Respiratory Therapists. For more information on TB Vets or to find out how to donate or volunteer, please call 604-874-5636 or visit [www.tbvets.org](http://www.tbvets.org).

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