

TB Vets Distributing \$537,000 in Grants

Burnaby, BC – TB Vets, a Burnaby-based registered charity, has finalized the recipients of their 2006 grants, General Manager Ron Goyette announced today. Each year TB Vets donates money to BC 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. They also provide grants for tuberculosis and other related respiratory research. This year more than \$537,000 is being donated to hospitals and research facilities throughout BC.

Organizations receiving grants in 2006 for respiratory equipment are: BC Children's Hospital • BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre • Bulkley Valley District Hospital • Burnaby Hospital • Delta Hospital • Eagle Ridge Hospital • Fort St. John Hospital • Greater Victoria Elder Care Foundation • Kelowna General Hospital • Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital • Langley Hospital • Langley Lodge • Logan Lake Health Centre • Louis Brier Home & Hospital • Nanaimo & District Hospital • New Vista Society • Peace Arch Hospital • Powell River General Hospital • Queen's Park Healthcare Foundation • Royal Columbian Hospital • Royal Inland Hospital • St. Vincent's & Holy Family Hospital Foundation • West Coast General Hospital. Research grants will be given to: BC Research Institute for Children's & Women's Health • Vancouver General Hospital.

TB Vets is able to provide these grants through the ongoing support of their Keytag Program. "All donations to our annual Keytag Campaign stay in BC and we are pleased to be able to give back to BC communities," says Goyette. "Since 1946 we have returned an estimated 180,000 sets of lost keys to their grateful owners and donated over \$10 million to help British Columbians with respiratory ailments lead healthy and productive lives."

TB Vets receives no government funding. As well as running BC's original key return service, TB Vets funds the purchase of respiratory equipment and tuberculosis research, supports the training of future Respiratory Therapists, and offers the comfort of a therapeutic Spinoza teddy bear to BC children suffering from respiratory illnesses. For more information about TB Vets, BC's Keytag Program, or how to donate, please call 1-888-874-5626 or visit www.tbvets.org.

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