

TB Vets Gives \$30,000 Grant to Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Foundation

Burnaby, B.C. – TB Vets Charitable Foundation, a Burnaby-based registered charity, has provided \$30,557 to Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Foundation for the purchase of a new pulmonary function system.

Each year, TB Vets provides funding to B.C. medical facilities to purchase vitally needed respiratory equipment that gives 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.

“Generous donors to TB Vets Charitable Foundation have helped fellow British Columbians with breathing difficulties for more than 60 years,” says Executive Director, Ron Goyette. “There are immediate and often lifesaving results from the financial support that TB Vets receives. We would like to thank all of our donors; it is this support that allows us to award grants to these deserving organizations.”

Greg Rollins, Supervisor, Respiratory Services, Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital commented: “The staff are very pleased with the system. Because of the system’s thoughtful design, patients find it easier to perform diagnostic tests. We would like to thank TB Vets for their generous grant.”

Possible Photo Caption Information: TB Vets donated \$30,557 to Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Foundation for the purchase of a new pulmonary function system. In 2008, TB Vets is donating more than \$350,000 to hospitals and research facilities throughout the province to help those in respiratory distress.

Image One Additional Information: From left: Greg Rollins, Supervisor, Respiratory Services; Dr. Dave Cook, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist; Linda Enoksen, Clerk, Respiratory Services; Fred Folkers, Respiratory Technician; Chris D’Arcy, Chair KBRH Health Foundation; Carol Markowsky, Chief Operating Officer Kootenay Boundary HSA; Ron Goyette, Executive Director, TB Vets Charitable Foundation; Trail’s mayor Dieter Bogs.

Image Two Additional Image Information: Trail mayor Dieter Bogs tries out the new pulmonary function system at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital with Fred Folkers, Respiratory Technician measuring his results.

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.

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