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McMaster Children’s Hospital Foundation Celebrates Completion of Enabling Dreams Campaign

HAMILTON: A $5 million transformational gift from Ron Joyce and The Joyce Foundation will complete the Enabling Dreams campaign to equip the new Children’s Health Centre currently under construction. In announcing the gift, Pearl F. Veenema, President and CEO, Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation indicated that “in honour of Mr. Joyce's tremendous gift, the new Children’s Health Centre will be named the Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre. In renaming the new Centre we are honouring Mr. Joyce and ensuring a lasting legacy that celebrates his long-standing commitment to the health and well-being of the children in this region”.

“We are extremely grateful for this wonderful gift and are so very appreciative for the commitment and confidence in Hamilton Health Sciences that it demonstrates,” said Rob MacIsaac, President and CEO Hamilton Health Sciences. “Ron Joyce is an incredible entrepreneur and unwavering philanthropist whose work has had a tremendous impact on our community and country. We are privileged to count him amongst our strongest supporters,” continued Mr. MacIsaac.

In announcing the gift, Mr. Joyce said that “it was an easy decision for me to support the children, as they have always been close to my heart. The team at McMaster Children’s Hospital are so dedicated that I am pleased to be able to support the thousands of children who need their care and expertise. It is a privilege for The Joyce Foundation to support this transformational investment in our children’s future”.

When the new Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre opens in the fall of 2015, it will be the only centre of its kind in Canada offering this breadth and combination of services for the children and youth of this region. It will be home to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Service, Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Program, Child and Youth Outpatient Mental Health Program and the Prosthetics and Orthotics Service where more than 70,000 patient visits are expected each year. “This new purpose-built facility is designed to meet the specialized needs of children with physical, mental and developmental challenges, and provides a warm, family-centred environment”, said Dr. Peter Fitzgerald, President McMaster Children’s Hospital.

The four-storey Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre is being built on Wellington Street across from the Regional Rehabilitation Centre. The construction of the new Centre is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services and is a joint project with Infrastructure Ontario. The new Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre is an integral part of McMaster Children’s Hospital and when open will complete the transfer of these programs from the Chedoke facility.

“Over the years, Mr. Joyce has demonstrated a strong interest in the health and well-being of the children who are cared for by McMaster Children’s Hospital at its two current locations. His tremendous generosity enables both the completion of the Enabling Dreams campaign and the
immediate purchase of a much-needed CT Scanner. As a leader in pediatric rehabilitation, the
new Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre will include a state-of-the-art Motion Lab that will be
used to assess and document gait disorders for children and youth. This information can then
be used to make decisions about exercises and braces and can be instrumental in tailoring
treatment,” continued Dr. Fitzgerald.

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About McMaster Children’s Hospital Foundation:
McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation as part of Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation is a registered
charitable organization focused on raising funds in support of the inpatient and outpatient programs at
both sites of McMaster Children’s Hospital, in addition to the reproductive health services at McMaster
University Medical Centre (MUMC). McMaster Children’s Hospital is home to the largest Neonatal
Intensive Care unit in Ontario, and is the fourth largest inpatient pediatric hospital in Canada. Through the
generosity of our donors, The Foundation funds capital redevelopment projects, purchases medical
equipment and technology, and invests in research and education at McMaster Children's Hospital,
McMaster University Medical Centre and their associated programs. Our goal is Health Care,
Transformed.

About The Joyce Foundation:
The Joyce Foundation is a private, family foundation created by Canadian entrepreneur Ronald V. Joyce.
In addition to Mr. Joyce, trustees of the Foundation include Ed Lumley, Aileen O’Rafferty, Michele
Thornley, David Wagstaff, Grant Joyce and Steven Joyce. The Joyce Foundation, located in Burlington,
Ontario, is dedicated to supporting the social, economic and emotional well-being of children and youth
by empowering them to develop into healthy, confident, independent contributors to Canadian society.

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