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Yara Belle Plaine provides major boost to Hospitals of Regina Foundation's Surgical Campaign

September 10, 2019, Regina, SK – Surgical patients at Regina's hospitals will benefit from the latest initiative in the long-standing partnership between Hospitals of Regina Foundation and Yara Belle Plaine. Yara has pledged a \$500,000 match for community donations to the Foundation's Surgical Campaign through the *Yara Belle Plaine Surgical Fund*. As a result of Yara's generous commitment, donations made by the community will have double the impact.

"We are committed to supporting causes that make life better for our employees, their families, and our communities," says Yara Belle Plaine President and Plant Manager George Pohorelic. "In addition to this new pledge, we're proud to have contributed more than \$650,000 since 1995 to Regina's hospitals through the Foundation. We're excited about this new chapter in our partnership, because we know the *Yara Belle Plaine Surgical Fund* will elevate the level of surgical care for all patients, and will undoubtedly save lives."

The funds raised will help replace and upgrade the surgical booms in the operating suites at Regina General and Pasqua Hospitals. The current booms are more than 30 years old. The Foundation has pledged to raise \$3 million through its Surgical Campaign to help upgrade all surgical suites at the two hospitals.

New surgical booms allow for safer use of medical gases such as anesthesia, oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide. In addition, the new booms will keep monitors and other electronic devices conveniently located but also out of the way of the surgical teams, to make surgery even safer and more efficient.

In 2018, almost 27,000 surgeries were performed in Regina's hospitals, and demand will continue to grow as southern Saskatchewan's population grows. The surgeries performed in Regina run the gamut from life-saving emergency operations and removal of cancerous tumours to more common operations like knee reconstruction and cataract removals.

"The Foundation greatly appreciates Yara Belle Plaine's leadership in supporting improved surgical care in Regina's hospitals," says Dino Sophocleous, President and CEO, Hospitals of Regina Foundation. "Yara's support will go a long way towards ensuring life-saving technology is available to help patients in southern Saskatchewan live better lives."

To donate to the **HRF Surgical Campaign** visit www.hrf.sk.ca or call (306) 781-7500.

ABOUT HOSPITALS OF REGINA FOUNDATION

In 1987, an inspired group of volunteers came together to make lives better for the people of southern Saskatchewan. Their vision helped establish Hospitals of Regina Foundation. We fundraise and invest in key centres of care in Regina's hospitals, with a goal to help establish the best health care possible for everyone in our community. Because of you, our most dedicated donors, the Foundation has raised \$191 million since our inception, and together we will continue to support the critical work of our medical teams and, most importantly, patients who need Regina's hospitals.

ABOUT YARA

Yara grows knowledge to responsibly feed the world and protect the planet, to fulfill our vision of a collaborative society, a world without hunger and a planet respected. To meet these commitments, we have taken the lead in developing digital farming tools for precision farming and work closely with partners throughout the whole food value chain to develop more climate-friendly crop nutrition solutions. In addition, we are committed to working towards sustainable mineral fertilizer production. We foster an open culture of diversity and inclusion that promotes the safety and integrity of our employees, contractors, business partners, and society at large.

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