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## MOSAIC jump starts Hospitals of Regina Foundation's new Cardiac Care Campaign with a \$1 million match commitment

**June 5, 2019, Regina, SK** – Cardiac care at Regina's hospitals will reach a new level of excellence, thanks to the next chapter of the partnership between Hospitals of Regina Foundation and The Mosaic Company (Mosaic). Mosaic has pledged a \$1 million match for donations from the community, in support of the Foundation's **Cardiac Care Campaign** for the Mosaic Heart Centre at Regina General Hospital. This exceptional commitment means every donor dollar will have double the impact.

"Twelve years ago, Mosaic invested in cardiac care for the people of Saskatchewan and created a centre of excellence called the Mosaic Heart Centre," said Karen Swager, senior vice president, potash at The Mosaic Company. "It's now time to renew our commitment and ensure our communities have access to the very best, cutting-edge treatments and procedures right here at home. We are excited to announce a \$1 million matching donation to help save lives in our province."

The campaign will support the purchase of life-saving equipment and technology for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab (Cath lab) within the Mosaic Heart Centre. Doctors at the lab diagnose and treat numerous heart issues using leading edge imaging technology. The centre was established in 2006 through a \$6.2 million investment by the Foundation, including a lead gift of \$2.5 million by Mosaic. The Cath lab was established at the same time, and many of the critical systems within the lab have now reached the end of their life span.

Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO Scott Livingstone says efforts in providing patients a high quality cardiac centre of care in Regina have been realized due to the support of many. "We work hard to be innovators in cardiac care and are proud to recognize the Mosaic Heart Centre as a provincial cardiac centre of excellence. Many patients from across southern Saskatchewan have benefitted from life-changing procedures available here in Regina. To be able to sustain this level of care through the Hospitals of Regina Foundation's investment in cardiac care, and Mosaic's generosity, is a huge success for this community."

In 2018, one out every five visits to Regina's emergency rooms was cardiac-related. Each year, over 2,200 procedures are performed at the Cath lab, including one called a transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI), a procedure that allows for a new valve to be implanted using a catheter. The Mosaic Heart Centre is the only facility in Saskatchewan where the procedure is currently done.

"This is a landmark time in the history of cardiac care in southern Saskatchewan," said Dino Sophocleous, president and CEO, Hospitals of Regina Foundation. "With Mosaic's leadership and support from our community, we will continue to support cardiac care services in our hospitals for many years to come, and help people in southern Saskatchewan live better lives."

To donate to the **HRF Cardiac Care Campaign** visit [www.hrf.sk.ca](http://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 MOSAIC**

The Mosaic Company is one of the world's leading producers and marketers of concentrated phosphate and potash crop nutrients. Mosaic is a single source provider of phosphate and potash fertilizers and feed ingredients for the global agriculture industry. More information on the company is available at [www.mosaicco.com](http://www.mosaicco.com).

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