

# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Scotiabank brings bears and bucks to Alberta Children's Hospital**

**CALGARY, December 18, 2001** -- Scotiabank Group representatives brought festive cheer to the Alberta Children's Hospital with 500 teddy bears and a \$500,000 gift for the new hospital today. This is Scotiabank's largest gift to healthcare in Alberta. The bears were presented to children currently staying in hospital while the half-million-dollar gift will last beyond the holiday season, providing support for childhood cancer research and treatment.

"We are delighted with this generous donation to support research at the Southern Alberta Children's Cancer Program at the Alberta Children's Hospital," says Deborah Apps, President and C.E.O. of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. The Hospital is the provincial centre in Alberta for bone marrow transplantation and is a leading centre for research trials related to stem cell transplantation in children.

Mike Jackson, Managing Director & Office Head, Scotia Capital, says the donation reflects the Bank's commitment to help build healthy communities: "We have a tradition of supporting the communities in which we do business, and where our employees and customers live and work. We see our contribution as an extension of our long-standing support for Alberta Children's Hospital and an important investment in the lives and futures of the children it treats and cares for."

The 500 teddy bears were donated by Calgary area Scotiabank Group employees who wanted to demonstrate their support for the hospital foundation's *All For One. All For Kids.* Campaign and spread a little cheer to children in hospital through the holiday season.

The focus of the *All For One. All For Kids.* Campaign by the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation is to raise \$50 million for enhancements to a new facility that will ensure exceptional care for children. Alberta Children's Hospital is widely regarded as a leader in children's healthcare delivery for its family-centered programs, innovative research and outpatient services. The new hospital will serve critically ill children from southern Alberta, southeastern British Columbia and southwestern Saskatchewan.

Scotiabank is committed to supporting the communities it serves, both in Canada and abroad. Recognized as a leader among Canadian corporations for its charitable donations and philanthropic activities, in 2001 the Bank provided more than \$20 million in sponsorships and donations to a variety of projects and initiatives, primarily in the areas of healthcare, education and social services. Scotiabank is on the World Wide Web at [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com).

**Note to photo editors**

**A photo accompanying this release will be available on the CP Photo Network.**

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