

## **TB Vets To Distribute \$500,000 In Grants**

Burnaby, B.C. – TB Vets Charitable Foundation, a Burnaby-based registered charity, has chosen the recipients of their 2007 grants, Executive Director Ron Goyette announced today. Each year, TB Vets provides funding to B.C. medical facilities to purchase vitally needed respiratory equipment that provides 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 \$500,000 is being donated to hospitals and research facilities throughout the province.

Organizations receiving grants from TB Vets in 2007 are: BC Children's Hospital • Bulkley Valley District Hospital • Dawson Creek & District Hospital • Delta Hospital • Fort St. John Hospital • Kelowna General Hospital • Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital • Lions Gate Hospital • Peace Arch Hospital • Penticton Regional Hospital • Ridge Meadows Hospital • Royal Columbian Hospital • St. Joseph's General Hospital • St. Vincent's & Holy Family Hospital Health Care Foundation • Vancouver General Hospital • Vernon Jubilee Hospital. Research grants will be awarded to Vancouver General Hospital.

TB Vets is able to provide these grants through the ongoing support of their fundraising initiatives. "Generous donors to TB Vets Charitable Foundation have helped fellow British Columbians with breathing difficulties for more than 60 years," says 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."

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](http://www.tbvets.org).

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