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TB Vets Awards Bursaries To TRU Respiratory Therapy Students

Burnaby, B.C. – Eight students from Thompson Rivers University (TRU) are breathing a little easier when it comes to paying tuition after each being awarded a $1500 bursary from TB Vets Charitable Foundation. On behalf of TB Vets, Gold Donor Thea Rousell handed out the bursary awards to the respiratory therapy students at the TRU Foundation annual awards ceremony recently.

"TB Vets recognizes the important role played by TRU in developing Registered Respiratory Therapists for healthcare facilities across British Columbia," said TB Vets Executive Director Ron Goyette. "It is the only educational institution in B.C. to offer this program and we are pleased to be able to provide assistance to tomorrow's Respiratory Therapists."

The bursaries were awarded to students with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 with preference given to students who demonstrated financial need. The students awarded the bursaries were: Osman Azad of Surrey, Kiley Cindrich of Langley, Rajni Kainth of Burnaby, Tamara McKenzie of Nanaimo, May My Minh of Vancouver, Kamaldip Sandhu of Kamloops, Christa Sloan of Westbank, and Kimberly Wilcox of Kamloops.

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. with respiratory ailments. 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, support the training of future Respiratory Therapists, and more! For more information on TB Vets or to find out how to donate or volunteer, please call 1-888-874-5626 or visit www.tbvets.org.

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