



‘Operation Miracle’ annual campaign officially launched today.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Fort McMurray, AB – ‘Operation Miracle’, the annual fundraising campaign for the Northern Lights Health Foundation, was officially launched today at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre. This campaign focuses on the operating rooms at the health centre and ensuring the rooms are equipped with the latest surgical equipment.

“Our operating rooms are busy places,” said Vanessa Innes, Executive Director for the Foundation “they provide comprehensive care to patients who suffer from illnesses ranging from ulcers and motility problems, to cancer and liver disease, to mothers requiring Caesarean delivery.”

Within the operating rooms many types of equipment are required on a daily basis and no procedure can start without an anesthesia machine. Operation Miracle will raise funds to replace six anesthesia machines currently in use at the health centre but quickly reaching their ‘life end’ and need to be replaced in order to continue to provide surgical services at their current levels.

“Typically our annual fundraising campaign raises approximately \$1 million dollars. Operation Miracle will raise from \$1.2 – 1.5 million for all six anesthesia machines with additional funds going towards other technology in the operating rooms” said Innes.

Established in 1985 the Northern Lights Health Foundation exists to provide funds to support and assist health services within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The Foundation works in many unique partnerships to help build health care excellence in our region.

We believe that transparency and accountability are essential to our success. With this in mind, we have recently joined Imagine Canada’s Ethical Code Program. For more information on the Code please visit www.imaginecanada.ca.

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