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Newfoundland Power Employees Present \$250,000 Gift to Support Cancer Care and New Chemotherapy Unit through *Power of Life*

St. John's, NL: Today, the Cancer Care Foundation received a generous gift of \$250,000 from Newfoundland Power and its employees through *Power of Life* in support of the In This Together Campaign to build a new Chemotherapy Unit at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. This donation will help transform the delivery of cancer care for the people in our province.

“We are extremely excited to provide this special *Power of Life* gift of \$250,000 to directly support the new Chemotherapy Unit and help improve the quality of care for cancer patients in Newfoundland and Labrador,” said Gary Murray, President and CEO, Newfoundland Power. “We are grateful to know that this new, much-needed cancer treatment unit will give hope to those who hear the words “You have cancer”. The commitment, generosity and willingness of our employees and retirees to give back is inspiring, and is truly making a meaningful difference to the cancer journey for patients, their families and loved ones.”

“We are honored to have the continued support of Newfoundland Power and *Power of Life* with this generous gift,” said Mr. Karl Smith, Chair, In This Together Campaign. “These funds have been designated towards the build of a new chemotherapy unit for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre here in St. John's. The Foundation has raised \$5 million to construct a new state-of-the-art chemotherapy unit to replace the infrastructure at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. We are profoundly grateful to the employees of Newfoundland Power, retirees and customers who donate in support of *Power of Life* for this generous gift for cancer patients and their families in Newfoundland and Labrador.”

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“It would be tremendously difficult to find someone in Newfoundland and Labrador who has not been touched by cancer – either personally, with a family member, or friend. The statistics are startling – with 1 in 2 people being diagnosed with cancer in our lifetimes,” said Lynette Hillier, Executive Director of the Cancer Care Foundation. “Our partnership with Newfoundland Power celebrated a 20-year milestone in 2022 and we are grateful for the dedication and support for *Power of Life* by Newfoundland Power’s employee, retirees and customers. Together we have made significant enhancements to Cancer Care services – and this generous gift continues that commitment to supporting projects that will transform Cancer Care.”

Thanks to the generous support of the Cancer Care Foundation’s In This Together Campaign, a new chemotherapy unit will open in June 2023 at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. This new Chemotherapy Unit will be more than triple the size of the current space with a layout that enhances patient comfort and safety. This new Chemotherapy Unit will better meet today’s needs, and the needs and demands of the future – which we know will be great.

***The Cancer Care Foundation** is a provincial charitable organization raising funds to enhance treatment and supportive care programs for cancer patients, fund local cancer research initiatives and provide continuing education opportunities for staff of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and affiliated cancer programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.*

***Power of Life** is a partnership between Newfoundland Power and the Cancer Care Foundation. The charitable program raises funds for cancer treatment equipment and support programs while promoting early detection and cancer screening through education and awareness programs. Since 2002, they have donated in excess of \$5 million and enhanced cancer care for patients throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.*

QUICK FACTS

- Newfoundland Power and its employees have donated \$250,000 to the Cancer Care Foundation through *Power of Life*.
- *Power of Life* is Newfoundland Power’s corporate charity in partnership with the Cancer Care Foundation. Funds are raised through employee and retiree fundraising, customer donations and corporate support. Over \$5 million has been raised since 2002.
- This gift supports the Cancer Care Foundation’s capital campaign, In This Together, which has raised \$5 million to build a new Chemotherapy Unit for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre.
- The new Chemotherapy Unit for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre is anticipated to open in June 2023.
- 1 in 2 people in Newfoundland and Labrador will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
- The rate of cancer diagnosis is expected to increase 40% by 2028.

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