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NSHRF partners with Vancouver Coastal Health to fund research

North Vancouver – The North Shore Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will enable NSHRF to fund specific North Shore health research projects.

The partnership focuses on team-based funding proposals that focus on community health concerns identified at the annual NSHRF Health Forum.

VCHRI has been running a successful team grant funding competition for several years. The program was developed to support practice-based research projects that have direct and immediate relevance to improving patient/client care, diagnosis, treatment or disease prevention. Under the agreement, VCHRI will peer-review and identify North Shore team grant proposals that are judged to meet grant-funding standards. NSHRF will then select which proposals to fund.

Bill Denault, president of NSHRF said, "We are very fortunate to have the expertise and resources VCHRI brings to our Foundation. Their involvement will allow the Foundation to concentrate on our fund-raising activities to fund even more research that is of concern to people living on the North Shore."

"This is an excellent opportunity to foster health research," said Dr. Linda Peritz, associate director, VCHRI. "The VCHRI Team Grant competition process ensures all funded projects are of the highest quality, which will benefit North Shore residents."

Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) is the research body of Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, which includes BC's largest academic and teaching health sciences hospitals as well as community health centres and local hospitals across the health authority.

North Shore Health Research Foundation (NSHRF), formerly Lions Gate Healthcare Research Foundation, was founded in 1963 by a dedicated group of doctors and residents of the North Shore. Their dream and mandate was to establish a Foundation that would help fund much needed research in healthcare that would benefit residents of the North Shore including the Squamish area and Whistler.

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