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Lions Gate Hospital Foundation Welcomes Two New Directors

North Vancouver, B.C. – Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of two new members to its board: **Jamie Switzer** (Senior Vice President & Financial Advisor, Private Client Group, Raymond James Ltd.) and **John Vyselaar** (Head of Cardiology at Lions Gate Hospital).

Jamie Switzer has been the Chair of the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation Golf Classic since 2014. Under his stewardship, the event has raised a total of \$1,470,067 (net) for the Foundation. Professionally, Jamie has been managing investment portfolios for nearly 18 years, and joined Raymond James in 2005. In 2010, he was named as one of a select number of Senior Vice Presidents of Raymond James' Private Client Group. In 2011, Jamie was appointed to the Raymond James Canada Foundation Advisory Committee. He has three daughters – all born at Lions Gate Hospital – and is a resident of the North Shore.

Dr. John Vyselaar

Dr. Vyselaar who joins the board as the Medical Staff Representative is head of cardiology at LGH. John is also a sports cardiologist; providing consultations and screening for the Vancouver Whitecaps, BC Lions, Vancouver Canucks, multiple Olympic teams, and other professional and high-level athletes. He is a UBC Clinical Instructor; teaching medical students, family medicine residents, and cardiology fellows in his practice. As an advocate and medical co-lead for the use of telehealth, he serves patients in geographically remote areas. John is a site leader (principal investigator) for multiple clinical trials, and leads a research nurse program. He lives on the North Shore with his wife and two children.

At the Foundation's recent AGM, **Pierre Lebel** (Imperial Metals) was re-elected chair and **Kevin Falcon** (Anthem Capital Corp.) and **Michael O'Callaghan** (Korn/Ferry International) co-vice chairs; and **Fred Yada** (former partner Dale, Matheson, Carr-Hilton, La Bonte LLP) treasurer. **Chris Carter** (ScotiaMcLeod) was elected secretary.

2017-2018 returning directors include: **Curt Bernadi** (Wheaton Precious Metals), **Heather Buckley** (Old Spaghetti Factory), **Liz Dickson** (Lions Gate Hospital Auxiliary), **Sandra Enticknap** (Miller Thomson, LLP), **Paul Hamilton** (Nesbitt Burns), **Coryn Hemsley**, **Gabrielle Loren** (Loren, Nancke & Company CGA's), **Stephen Murphy** (Canadian Western Bank), **Taleeb Noormohamed** (Impasto), **Karin Olson** (COO, VCH-Coastal) and **Jo-Ann Wood** (Chair of the North Shore Hospice and Palliative Project).

Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is currently running its most ambitious campaign to raise \$100 million to build the state-of-the-art Medical & Surgical Centre on the LGH campus. Currently, close to \$60 million has been raised.

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Established in 1987, Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is the fundraising arm of the hospital. In the past seven years, the Foundation has raised more than \$100 million to support the purchase of new medical equipment, facility upgrades, staff education and research. Recent projects include the Denis & Joan Creighton Outpatient Care Centre.

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