



MEDIA ALERT

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VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TO HOST MULTI-FAITH BLESSING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF BUHLER CANCER CENTRE

Winnipeg, MB – Victoria General Hospital Foundation is hosting a multi-faith blessing ceremony and open house to celebrate the opening of the Buhler Cancer Centre.

**Sunday, January 18
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

*The half-hour blessing ceremony starts at 2:15 p.m.
Free parking off Pembina Highway.*

Blessings will be offered from various faith leaders in recognition of the medical and emotional journey faced by cancer patients. Guests will be guided through the Centre as blessings are given to different areas in the building.

The Buhler Cancer Centre officially opened in November 2008. The new 13,000 square foot addition to the front of the hospital offers more privacy and space, improved flow and less noise disruption, allowing staff to provide patients with the best care possible in a comfortable and supportive environment. This state-of-the-art Centre allows the Vic to better respond to the needs of a growing community.

The Centre was made possible through the generous donations of thousands of donors. This event is an opportunity for the Foundation and Hospital to thank the community and give people the opportunity to see and learn about the Centre they helped build. It is also an acknowledgement of the cultural and spiritual diversity in our community and within the hospital and the importance of faith to many of our donors, staff, and patients.

The Buhler Cancer Centre is part of a larger redevelopment project happening at the Victoria General Hospital, which will see the construction of a new Emergency Centre and two new minimally invasive surgery suites.

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