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The City of Beaconsfield donates \$20,000 to the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre

Beaconsfield, January 26, 2009 – The West Island Cancer Wellness Centre is proud to share that the City of Beaconsfield today announced a donation to our Centre of \$20,000 to help finance the creation of our new centre, located at 489 Beaconsfield Blvd. in Beaconsfield. This financial support will also go toward the development of specialized programs that will be offered free of charge to the population as well as to the purchase of equipment needed for the centre.

The population of the West Island is 225,000. According to current Canadian Cancer Society statistics, close to 96,000 members of this community will be diagnosed with cancer—with a much larger number of our population supporting a family member or friend with cancer.

“We are proud to support this fundraising campaign. Our community will benefit from these programs and supportive services offered by this non-profit organisation, which fills a need in our area”, said Mayor Benedetti.

The West Island Cancer Wellness Centre’s will provide people of all ages and all types of cancer, and their personal support circle, with comprehensive, compassionate wellness information, programs, services, and support for their mind, body and spirit. It also provides patients and caregivers with resources, information and coping mechanisms, all in a professional and safe environment. “The vision of the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre has been brewing inside me for over 15 years. Thanks to generous donations from citizens, businesses and organisations such as the City of Beaconsfield, as well as the amazing support of our volunteers, this dream is becoming reality”, said Mrs. Debbie Magwood, Board President of the WICWC.

All the services offered at the centre will be free of charge. A donation may be made at the participant’s discretion.

The West Island Cancer Wellness Centre is a non-profit organization. It will be the place to turn when cancer becomes part of your life, from diagnosis to outcome. It will provide all men, women, and children touched by cancer—and their personal support circle of family and friends— with free comprehensive, compassionate wellness information, education, services, programs, and support for their mind, body, and spirit in a safe, comfortable environment. The Centre aims to empower people to be active participants in their own healthcare and to help them carry on productive lives both personally and professionally during their journey through cancer. Charitable Number: 85521 2221

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