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Westman Cares! Cancer Lottery Launched

On Thursday, September 17th the Brandon Regional Health Center Foundation announced the launch of the second Westman Cares! Cancer Lottery in support of the new Western Manitoba Cancer Centre.

“Last year’s lottery was very well received by the Westman area making it a great success. Cancer has touched the lives of most of us making this project an easy one to support. We are looking forward to the continued generosity of our community in making this year’s lottery an even greater success,” commented Cheryl Holmes, Chair of the BRHC Foundation.

The lottery offers 21 draws with over \$75,000 in cash and prizes. The draws start on October 23rd with the Grand Prize draw - \$50,000 cash or a 2010 Mustang and \$25,000 cash - drawn on October 30th. Tickets go on sale today and sell for \$40 each or 3 for \$100 and can be purchased by calling 1-800-959-7789. Additional details can be found at www.brandonrha.mb.ca. Order forms will be available in Brandon and throughout Western Manitoba from participating credit unions and local businesses.

The ground breaking for the start of construction of the new facility took place on Friday September 11th. “This centre will provide residents from all over western Manitoba with treatment services that are closer to home and to families. No longer the need for us to have to drive to Winnipeg”, said Val Karton, Co-Chair of the Westman Cares! Cancer Lottery.

“As directors on the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation Board and co-chairs of Westman Cares! Val and I are committed to helping raise funds that will go directly to providing enhancements to the new cancer centre. We want this new centre to provide patients and their families and friends with a comfortable environment that will help reduce their discomfort and help speed their recovery”, said Dave Hughes.

“Our fundraising campaign covers all of the westman area. That includes the Parkland, Assiniboine, Brandon and part of the Central Health Regions. Cancer has a huge impact on our society, affecting most of us in one way or another, if not directly, then as someone in our family or circle of friends. We realize that there is a large number of worthy causes asking for the publics hard earned dollars. We ask that they give serious consideration to Westman Cares!” said Dave Hughes, Lottery Co Chair.