Sunnybrook named one of GTA's Top 75 Employers for 2009

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TORONTO, **October 20**, **2008** – Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre has been selected from an extensive list of entrants, to be recognized as one of Greater Toronto's Top 75 employers for 2009.

Greater Toronto's Top 75 Employers is an annual competition organized by Mediacorp, the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers. This special designation recognizes the Greater Toronto employers that are leading their industries in offering exceptional places to work.

"It is an honour to be named among the city's top working environments." says Dr. Barry McLellan, president and chief executive officer, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. "I am so proud of our dedicated staff, physicians and volunteers who play such an important role in ensuring the hospital's overall success. This achievement is a testament to their unwavering commitment and it confirms what we have felt for a long time: Sunnybrook is an incredible organization to come to work at every day."

To be considered for this award, Sunnybrook participated in an extensive application process, describing the business, workforce, physical environment, work and social atmosphere, health, financial and family-friendly benefits as well as compensation, vacation and personal day policies, internal communications, performance management, continuing education and professional and community development.

"Sunnybrook is an incredible place to work for so many reasons but we are particularly proud of our numerous programs supporting staff wellness and safety," says Marilyn Reddick, vice president, human resources, Sunnybrook. "We will continue to improve them in the future and provide the support and resources needed to help our staff balance their personal and professional priorities."

Winners of this year's Greater Toronto's Top Employers were announced in a special section of the *Toronto Star* on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre is inventing the future of health care for the 1 million patients the hospital cares for each year through the dedication of its more than 10,000 staff and volunteers. An internationally recognized leader in research and education and a full affiliation with the University of Toronto distinguishes Sunnybrook as one of Canada's premier academic health sciences centres. Sunnybrook specializes in caring for Canada's war veterans, high-risk pregnancies, critically-ill newborns, adults and the elderly, and treating and preventing cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurological disorders, orthopaedic and arthritic conditions and traumatic injuries.

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