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**Sunnybrook raising funds to rebuild hospitals in Haiti**

Toronto, ON (January 15, 2010) – In an effort to support the long-term health care needs of the people of Haiti, Sunnybrook Foundation announced the creation of the *Sunnybrook Fund for Haiti's Hospitals*, to help rebuild hospitals destroyed by the recent earthquake.

The funds will be directed to Save the Children Canada who will, through their staff and on-the-ground networks, help to rebuild and re-equip Haiti's hospitals and health care infrastructure. Sunnybrook Foundation will provide Save the Children Canada 100 per cent of the money donated to this fund. All donations made by individuals by February 12<sup>th</sup> will be matched 100 per cent by the Government of Canada.

"In light of the tragic events unfolding in Haiti, Sunnybrook Foundation, on behalf of the community at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, felt the need to help in a significant way," says Kevin Goldthorp, Chief Executive Officer of Sunnybrook Foundation. "So many generous Canadians are responding to provide immediate relief to the people of Haiti in the form of food and shelter, but equally critical in the long term is the health care infrastructure of that region. This need must be addressed and not forgotten in the days and months ahead."

"This partnership with Sunnybrook Foundation will allow us to bring even more hope during this time of despair," said David Morley, President and CEO of Save the Children Canada. "The healthcare needs in Haiti are desperate now, but will continue to be critical in the months and years ahead. We are thankful for Sunnybrook Foundation's support and vision for the future of Haiti's children."

"We are rebuilding our own hospital – not because it's been destroyed, but because we want to do more for our patients. In the region of Haiti affected by the earthquake, there are no properly functioning hospitals at all," adds Goldthorp.

Donations can be made online at [www.sunnybrook.ca](http://www.sunnybrook.ca) or by calling 416-480-GIVE. All donations made to the *Sunnybrook Fund for Haiti's Hospitals* are tax-deductible and a tax receipt will be provided by Sunnybrook Foundation.

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