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**Amazing Feat for the Fondation du CHUM Golf Classic:
\$ 2,015,000 Raised!**

Montreal, September 13, 2011 – Some 300 golfers took part in the eleventh annual Golf Classic of the Fondation du Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) this past September 12 at the renowned Laval-sur-Lac Club. This summer event, marking especially the fifteenth anniversary of the CHUM, brought together a historical sum of \$ 2,015,000 for the benefit of the hospital. A great success indeed!

Co-presidents for the 2011 Golf Classic were D^r Guy Leclerc, cardiologist and founder of the CHUM's Cardiovascular Centre, and Marie-Berthe Des Groseillers, corporate secretary of the BMTC Group Inc. and president of the Brault & Martineau Foundation. Also present for the event was the Minister for Health and Social Services, Yves Bolduc, the spokesman for the Fondation du CHUM, Yvon Deschamps and his wife, Judi Richards, along with many members of the medical and business communities.

"The success of this Classic sends a most important message to the community and it is this: our partners are with us in this endeavour, investing time and money to support our cause and work for a healthy Québec," said D^r Leclerc. "Over and above the construction project for the new hospital, the Foundation is putting forth greater efforts than ever before to improve patient care. To all of you who are behind us, be aware that you are making a difference, and for that, I am grateful!" he added.

"This year the CHUM will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary," noted the Director General and CEO of the CHUM, Christian Paire, "fifteen years in which it has managed to become a genuine point of reference for modern medicine, thanks to the involvement and the drive of the people who staff it. While work goes ahead rapidly on the new hospital site, the CHUM is stronger because of the path it has taken and is equally proud of a promising future. The support of donors in this major undertaking has been noteworthy. Through their investments in teaching, in research and in the cutting-edge equipment acquired, they have succeeded in making the CHUM a world-class university hospital."

Ékram Antoine Rabbat, President and CEO of the Foundation, took the occasion to thank warmly all the partners and participants and, especially, Abbott Vascular, Bell, the Brault & Martineau Foundation, Medtronic and Roche.

"Our 2011 Golf Classic is a resounding success and it is clear that we have many people who get involved because they care about the health of Quebecers and want to play an

active role in providing the community with health care in the forefront of technology. These people strengthen our resolve to continue pursuing a host of future projects!" declared Mr. Rabbat.

About the Fondation du CHUM

The Foundation's mission is to ensure for the CHUM an ongoing source of private financing, as a supplement to public funding, in order to help improve patient care, to enable the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment and to support research, teaching and health promotion at the CHUM. To make a donation to the Fondation du CHUM, go to fondationduchum.com or telephone 1 866 DON-CHUM (1 866 366-2486) or 514 890-8077, extension 35205.

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