



calgary health region

Celebration heralds September 27th opening of new Alberta Children's Hospital

Media are invited to attend a celebration tomorrow, Thursday, August 17, 2006, marking the end of construction of the new Alberta Children's Hospital.

David Tuer, Board Chair, and Jack Davis, President & Chief Executive Officer, in addition to other senior executives of the Calgary Health Region and community and corporate leaders, will be joined by the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta; the Honourable Ralph Klein, Premier of Alberta; the Honourable Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness; and His Worship Mayor David Bronconnier, The City of Calgary.

Please note that this celebration is specifically timed well in advance of the September 27, 2006, operational opening of the new facility in order to ensure that the full time and attention of Calgary Health Region staff can be focused on the transition of operations between the current Alberta Children's Hospital site and the new facility.

Additionally, the Calgary Health Region requests the media's full cooperation and support in ensuring that all news reports inform the public that the new Alberta Children's Hospital is officially open to patients effective 7 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2006.

Media wishing to cover this event are asked to ensure their arrival prior to 1 p.m. to allow time for camera setup in advance of the commencement of the formal program of remarks. At light lunch is available to media prior to 1 p.m. The program will conclude at 2 p.m., at which time interviews with Region executives, the Premier of Alberta, and the Mayor will be available. Media wishing to tour the facility (cameras permitted) will be able to do so between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**Where: The new Alberta Children's Hospital
2888 Shaganappi Trail N.W.**

Park in the parkade located on the south side of the building and proceed through the enclosed walkway to the main entrance.

When: 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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