

Canadian Division: The Promise of Healthier Communities

Most of our Canadian Division's community giving is focused on health-related initiatives that hold the promise of improving many lives. Here are two examples:

Thinking Ahead with the Montreal Neurological Institute

Manulife made a donation of \$1 million to McGill University's Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI). This gift was in support of the MNI's Thinking Ahead campaign, an ambitious five-year, \$40 million initiative to invest in people and expand their facilities and services. Our President and CEO, Dominic D'Alessandro, is co-chair of this fundraising campaign.

Manulife's donation will help MNI create a new facility housing a state-of-the-art brain imaging centre with advanced imaging technologies; create the first NeuroPalliative Care Centre in North America; develop a new centre dedicated to spine and spinal cord repair; attract the best and brightest scientists and clinicians; and lead the way in neuroscience clinical care and research.

"We are delighted that Manulife has chosen to play such a leading role in our campaign. Their support of the MNI will allow us to start up new research directions that ultimately we hope will markedly improve the quality of life for those of us who are debilitated by neurological disease."

Dr. David R. Colman
Director
Montreal Neurological Institute

At MNI, inpatients and outpatients are treated for medical problems related to the nervous system, including:

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease)
- Back problems
- Brain tumours
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Chronic pain
- Epilepsy
- Headaches
- Migraines
- Movement disorders
- Multiple sclerosis
- Parkinson's disease
- Strokes

Throughout its history, MNI has always been on the leading edge of research and treatment of neurological disorders. With its Thinking Ahead campaign, MNI is poised to make advances that will have a significant impact on the world.

Biking and hiking for healthy hearts

More than 1,200 cyclists, walkers and volunteers took part in the 15th annual Manulife Bike and Hike for Heart, raising \$200,000. In its 15-year history, the event has raised \$2 million for heart health in Waterloo Region.

Donations to the 2007 Bike and Hike support St. Mary's Regional Cardiac Care Centre, which provides cardiac catheterization, cardiac surgery, angioplasty, cardiac care clinics and cardiac rehabilitation. The program, serving 500,000 residents in Waterloo and the surrounding area, offers diagnostics, intensive care and inpatient cardiac care through a full-service program.

By both managing and funding the event, Manulife ensures that every penny raised goes to the Cardiac Care Centre. In addition, hundreds of Manulife employees signed up as volunteers or event participants.

