



The HSC Foundation Mourns the Passing of Paul Albrechtsen

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WINNIPEG, July 8, 2019 – With the passing of Paul Albrechtsen on July 7, the Health Sciences Centre Foundation has lost one of its greatest champions and largest donor.

“Paul’s impact will be felt for generations,” said Tina Jones, Chair of the HSC Foundation Board. “Through his exceptional philanthropy, he has allowed HSC to acquire leading edge medical equipment that saves lives. He was always eager to learn what he could do next to make a difference.”

Since 1993, Albrechtsen has contributed \$13.4 million to the HSC Foundation. This total includes significant support for new interventional angiography equipment that, among other benefits, will produce better outcomes for many stroke patients. A \$5 million gift from Albrechtsen announced in 2017 allowed HSC to purchase the Varian Edge, a high-end stereotactic radiosurgery system that destroys certain tumours while leaving healthy tissue intact.

“Not only was Paul generous, he was passionate, curious, and engaged,” said Jonathon Lyon, President and CEO of the HSC Foundation. “He took the time to understand the technology and understand the impact of his giving. He was fascinated by medical research and wanted Manitobans to benefit from the latest advances in patient care.”

“His personal story was characterized by hard work and innovation, and so he inspired the Foundation and HSC to work hard and innovate,” added Jones. “We are grateful for his inspiration and will miss him dearly. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff at the HSC Foundation we send our deepest sympathies to his family at this difficult time”.

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About the Health Sciences Centre Foundation:

HSC is Manitoba’s flagship hospital for trauma, transplants, burns, strokes, neurosciences, cancer, and pediatric care. Donations to the HSC Foundation enable HSC to improve care in these and other areas through important research initiatives, training opportunities for health care staff, the acquisition of cutting-edge medical equipment, and the development of new state-of-the-art facilities. www.hscfoundation.mb.ca

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