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## Calbridge Homes commits \$500,000 to Neonatal Health

*Calgary homebuilder makes significant investment in the future*

CALGARY – Perhaps it is one of the greatest gifts that can be given to a family in the neonatal intensive care unit – an investment in the care their tiny and fragile infant will receive.

Today, award-winning builder Calbridge Homes announced their commitment to the redevelopment and expansion of a new neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the Foothills Hospital. The unit cares for some of the sickest and most fragile newborns born in Calgary and throughout Southern Alberta. This investment symbolizes the company's strong commitment to families based on their 40 year heritage.

"We began our commitment to advancements in healthcare since 2010 as the official builder of the Calgary Health Trust's lottery home programs. Our business is built on people. It's built on families, but more than anything it's built on children," says Bev Higham-Linehan, President and CFO of Calbridge Homes. "After seeing the incredible impact this unit has, Calbridge Homes is pleased to donate \$500,000, on behalf of our founders and owners the Ferraro Family."

This investment is a significant step forward in the plans to redevelop the NICU to accommodate the growing needs of Calgary and Southern Alberta. Nationally, 1 in 10 newborns will need the care of the NICU, but in Calgary, that number is 1 in 8.

"Calbridge Homes and Calgary Health Trust have been long-time partners, but this announcement showcases Calbridge's further commitment to our community today and for many generations to come," says Dr. Chris Eagle, President and CEO of Calgary Health Trust.

"The investment that Calbridge is making in neonatal care is really an investment in the next 60, 70, possibly 80 years as these newborns are given the foundation they need to thrive throughout their lives."

The NICU at Foothills Hospital is the only in-born Level 3 unit in Southern Alberta. A level 3 NICU is intensive neonatal care for the most premature newborns, as well as those children born with complex medical issues.

Subsequently, all high-risk obstetrical deliveries occur at Foothills Hospital, and many newborns requiring Level 3 tertiary care from all of southern Alberta, are transported to the site for care. These factors, combined with Calgary's growing population makes Foothills' NICU one of the busiest in Canada.

"I would like to thank Calbridge Homes and Calgary Health Trust for their investment. This gift will help make life better for the families of these vulnerable newborns by helping ensure they get the best possible start in life," says the Honourable Brandy Payne, Associate Minister of Health.

"These partnerships are helping to make our health system the best it can be by enhancing both our equipment and treatment spaces for patients and our dedicated healthcare providers," says Dr. Francois Belanger, Vice President Quality & Chief Medical Officer, Alberta Health Services.

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Since 2010, Calbridge Homes and Calgary Health Trust have partnered to build stunning, custom built and designed lottery homes for the Foothills Hospital Home Lottery and Hospital Home Lottery. These homes provide a win, not only for lucky ticket holders, but also for the many people in the community that will benefit from the generosity of those who purchase a ticket. Last year, the lotteries raised net proceeds of \$8 million to invest in innovations in health care throughout Calgary.

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