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# The end of an era: Calgary Health Trust recognizes contribution of long-standing volunteer

*Long-time Calgary Health Trust volunteer and advocate, Dr. Chen Fong, stepping down*

CALGARY – Calgary Health Trust announced today that respected volunteer and community member, Dr. Chen Fong, has resigned his position with the Board of Directors and Foothills Development Council.

Dr. Fong has committed over 16 years of leadership to Calgary Health Trust serving as a Director of the Board and member of the Foothills Development Council, which advocates and oversees fundraising activities for Foothills Hospital. Dr. Fong's knowledge of and insights on the state of medical care in Canada will be a great ongoing resource for the organization.

"My many years spent with Calgary Health Trust has been wonderfully satisfying. I have long believed it is important to inform and educate individuals and families about the invaluable benefits of philanthropy," remarked Dr. Fong.

"I also feel is important to demonstrate leadership by recognizing when it's time to move on. I hope to see a number of younger folks joining the Calgary Health Trust's Board over the coming months."

Dr. Fong will not completely severe his ties with the organization and will remain a Board Advisor to current Board Chair, Bill Sembo.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr. Sembo offered the following remarks, "Calgary Health Trust is very thankful for Dr. Fong's long service. Few individuals have had such a profound impact on healthcare related philanthropy in Calgary. His wisdom and optimism will be difficult to replace."

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