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Region names new Foothills Medical Centre Tower after well-known local philanthropist

The Calgary Health Region is recognizing the late Bud McCaig's outstanding commitment to health care by naming the new West Tower at the Foothills Medical Centre in his memory. The building will be known as the JR (Bud) McCaig Tower.

"This is a fitting way to honour Bud for what he did for health care in Calgary and across the province," said Jack Davis, President and CEO, Calgary Health Region. "For over 20 years, Bud earned a reputation as a tireless volunteer, a dedicated philanthropist and a steadfast supporter of health care. The McCaig Tower will serve as a lasting legacy in recognition of his many accomplishments."

The \$460 million tower is now under construction. Davis points out that it will be one of the most sophisticated clinical facilities in the world. The current Intensive Care Unit at the Foothills will move to the new tower. This state-of-the-art unit will have 36 per cent more beds than the current one. In addition, the move of the ICU will allow the Emergency Department at the Foothills to expand its bed numbers by 35 per cent.

Located near the ICU in the tower will be advanced diagnostic imaging as well as eight new operating rooms, with space in the building for 16 more. A re-designed lab area will house new technologies to reduce the turnaround time for testing, and the tower will help improve overall access to safe, quality care for patients by adding over 100 new beds. By co-locating these services closely together, the Region is creating an environment for health care teams to work more efficiently, resulting in better access to care for patients.

The McCaig Tower project is part of the Region's overall plan to improve access to health care over the coming years. More than \$1.7 billion will be invested to renovate and expand facilities, and build new ones. Construction has already begun at the Peter Lougheed Centre, Rockyview General Hospital, Foothills Medical Centre, and downtown at the site of what will be the new Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre. Plans are also progressing for the new South Health Campus.

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"The McCaig Tower will stand as a symbol of the powerful vision Bud shared with all of us – a vision of Alberta as a world leader in innovative health care," said Cy Frank, Co-Vice Chair of the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute. "Bud was a committed and passionate advocate of pursuing a better way and a champion of comprehensive reform of bone and joint health care for Albertans. The Institute exists today as a direct result of his vision and generosity, and I'm pleased to say it has become a catalyst for innovation and improvement. The vision Bud shared with all of us is becoming a reality."

Bud McCaig's commitment to philanthropy was demonstrated through his support for the Bone and Joint Institute and his support for Reach!, a fundraising campaign that embodies what he valued most: partnership, collaboration and a shared vision. The campaign, to date, has raised over \$162 million toward a goal of \$300 million.

"Bud McCaig was a key visionary behind and proud advocate for the Reach! initiative," said Bill Sembo, Co-Chair of Reach! "Bud believed that the partnership between the university and the health care region, with its resulting collaboration of persons multi-tasking across academia, research and clinical care, was Calgary's best kept secret. Through Reach! we are bringing that to the forefront and are finding there are others, who like Bud, believe in creating a new world standard of health for this community."

The JR (Bud) McCaig Tower will be completed in 2010.

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