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\$100,000 gift an early Christmas present for Human Mobility Research Centre at KGH

(Kingston, Ont.) Researchers and staff at the Human Mobility Research Centre (HMRC) at Kingston General Hospital received an early Christmas present this week as Justice William J. Henderson presented a \$100,000 cheque from the William J. Henderson Foundation to support the Centres research efforts.

A partnership between KGH and Queen's University, the Human Mobility Research Centre aims to improve human mobility through the development of innovative and effective treatment for bone and joint disorders caused by arthritis, osteoporosis, and injury.

Justice Henderson has made a number of generous donations to the Kingston General Hospital Foundation in support of HMRC. Staff from Kingston Hospitals Joint Advancement Foundation, the hospitals fundraising arm, attended the cheque presentation along with KGH president and CEO Joe de Mora.

Justice Henderson is a longtime champion of innovative orthopedic research and the HMRC since its inception, said Joe de Mora. We are very grateful to him for his continued commitment to hospital research, and for fostering important research initiatives at HMRC that will increase the hospitals ability to restore mobility to people in our region.

Nearly one-third of the Canadian population will be significantly affected by musculoskeletal disease during their lifetime. Justice Henderson, who has undergone seven knee and two elbow operations during his lifetime, says he is supporting HMRC because he wants to help others suffering from orthopedic illnesses and diseases.

My philosophy is to give to this part of medicine because, unfortunately, I have had many orthopedic operations, so I know how important this research is for people who are getting older, said Justice Henderson. We have a great team of doctors in our orthopedic

department and they need the resources to do the research that will make a difference.

Justice Hendersons gift will help us to continue to build the infrastructure we need to move from our position as an excellent research centre to one that is truly outstanding on the international stage, said Dr. John Rudan, orthopedic surgeon and HMRC principal investigator. We are extremely grateful to Justice Henderson for recognizing the value of supporting research that will help people who would otherwise have to suffer with the pain and limited mobility caused by orthopedic injuries and diseases.

The Human Mobility Research Centre (HMRC) brings together a world-class team of researchers to Kingston in order to improve human mobility through the development of innovative and effective treatment strategies for bone and joint disorders caused by arthritis, osteoporosis, and injury.

Currently more than 25 research initiatives are in progress at HMRC including: the Niagara Foot for landmine survivors, the design of a prosthetic wrist implant, the development of a high performance knee implant for athletes, tissue engineered joint resurfacing and, computer-assisted fracture management. These projects not only improve the bone and joint health of Canadians, but have a large impact on the quality of life for people with bone and joint disease around the world.

The Kingston Hospitals Joint Advancement Foundation works with the community to raise money for Kingston hospitals ongoing needs for equipment, education and research to significantly improve patient care. Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston General Hospital and the Cancer Centre, and Providence Continuing Care Centre work together as partners in Kingstons health sciences centre to provide highly specialized and compassionate care to more than 500,000 people in Southeastern Ontario.