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\$2 million contribution to create the John C. and Sally Horsfall Eaton Centre for Ambulatory Care

TORONTO, July 12, 2006 /CNW/ – John Craig and Sally Horsfall Eaton have announced a \$2 million donation to St. John's Rehab Hospital to support its quest to become Canada's leader in specialized rehabilitation. This represents the largest individual donation to the hospital in its 69-year history.

Ms. Horsfall Eaton made the announcement at the close of 12 stellar years on the hospital's Board of Directors – including three years as Chair – after receiving the hospital's Award for Distinguished Volunteer Leadership.

The Eaton gift will be split, with \$1 million going toward construction of a new ambulatory care wing and \$1 million to establish the precedent-setting Horsfall Eaton Education Fund for the hospital.

“St. John's Rehab is an exceptional health care facility that makes an enormous contribution to the lives of Ontario residents in their return to work and the community after life-changing illness or injury,” said Ms. Horsfall Eaton. “We care deeply about the miracles St. John's Rehab achieves each day – we are proud to contribute to the future development of this hospital.”

St. John's Rehab Foundation is in the final phase of a \$15 million campaign to fund a major facility redevelopment, to create the first-ever fund for cutting-edge rehabilitation research, and to enhance staff education. The *Rebuilding Lives* campaign is the first public fundraising initiative conducted in support of the hospital since it opened in 1937. Since 2004, the campaign has raised \$11.6 million – 77 per cent of its \$15 million goal.

The John C. and Sally Horsfall Eaton Centre for Ambulatory Care will encompass 49,000 square-feet of patient treatment space. It will bring together all of the hospital's outpatient services for the first time, including telerehab consultations for patients from across Ontario, a new therapy pool, whirlpools and a face-mask and splinting clinic for burn and sports injuries. The wing also involves the creation of a new main entrance for the hospital with the latest accessibility features. As patients, their families and visitors enter the new Ambulatory Care Centre, floor-to-ceiling windows will provide a dramatic backdrop to the facility's 25 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds.

Ms. Horsfall Eaton is a Registered Nurse who has dedicated her life to working for many community causes. Among her many community leadership roles, she served as the first Executive Director of the Canadian Hearing Society and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Mr. Eaton is the former Chair of Eaton's of Canada Ltd. and recently ended a seven-year term as Chancellor of Toronto's Ryerson University.

“On behalf of the Campaign Cabinet volunteers and the entire hospital community, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Eatons for their incredibly generous support,” said the Honourable Art Eggleton, Chair of the *Rebuilding Lives* campaign. “Sally has demonstrated remarkable leadership over the last decade and both she and John have shown commitment and passion for the hospital and its mission.”

About St. John's Rehab Hospital

St. John's Rehab is the only hospital in Ontario solely dedicated to specialized rehabilitation. This 160-bed hospital in north Toronto is recognized as a benchmark rehabilitation leader by the Ontario Hospital

Association through its Hospital Report series. The site of Ontario's only dedicated burn and Canada's only organ transplant rehabilitation programs, we also offer specialized rehabilitation for amputations, cancer, cardiac surgery, stroke, traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal conditions, as well as community health clinics for acupuncture, massage, chiropractic and chiropody. With a unique focus on the whole person – body, mind and spirit – St. John's Rehab Hospital is rebuilding people's lives.

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