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Newfoundland Power Employees Donate Cuddle Bed for Cancer Patients at Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital in Stephenville

(Stephenville, NL): Newfoundland Power employees in Stephenville have generously donated a Cuddle Bed for cancer patients receiving care at the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital. This gift, valued at almost \$20,000 is a result of fundraising efforts by Newfoundland Power employees, retirees and their families for *The Power of Life Project*.

“Cancer care comes in many forms. The comfort cancer patients receive from being able to be close to those who support them along their cancer journey means so much,” said Gary Murray, Vice President, Customer Operations, Newfoundland Power. “The name, Cuddle Bed, really says it all and we are honored to provide the first one for cancer patients in the Stephenville area.”

A Cuddle Bed is a specialized larger hospital bed that can fit two people comfortably so that when a cancer patient is in palliative care, they can have a loved one, like a spouse or a child, lie with them.

Lynette Hillier, Executive Director of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation says, “This is the first Cuddle Bed to be installed by *The Power of Life Project* in Newfoundland and Labrador. We are so honored to join with Newfoundland Power’s employees, retirees and customers in presenting this unique equipment that will provide comfort to patients at end of life. It’s a very special initiative and we thank Newfoundland Power for their continued commitment to enhancing care for those living with cancer in our province.”

The Power of Life Project is Newfoundland Power’s corporate charity and a partnership with the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation. The Project raises funds for cancer treatment equipment and support programs while promoting early detection and cancer screening through education and awareness programs. Since 2002, they have donated in excess of \$4 million and helped many lives change for the better.

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation raises funds for treatment and supportive care programs for cancer patients, funds local cancer research initiatives and provides continuing education opportunities for staff of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and affiliated cancer programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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