

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Corporate Citizenship: Local RBC Dominion Securities Teams Make Substantial Commitment to JoeAnna's House**



*Pictured from left: **Chris Oosthuizen**, Vice President & Regional Director, BC; **Mark Kinnear**, Vice President & Branch Manager, Kelowna; **Darrell Porubanec**, Secretary-Treasurer, KGHF Board; **Doug Rankmore**, CEO, KGHF; **Peter MacPherson**, Board Chair, KGHF; and team of RBC DS advisors and staff.*

KELOWNA, BC, November 13, 2018 – The wealth advisors and executive teams at RBC Dominion Securities in Kelowna have teamed up to commit a \$100,000 to support JoeAnna's House. The gift comes as a pledge over five years, and rounds out a decade of giving totalling \$200,000 to advance the standard of health care being delivered to residents in the southern interior region.

As a parent himself, **Mark Kinnear**, VP and Branch Manager and his team of advisors at RBC Wealth Management – Dominion Securities is deeply committed to supporting health care initiatives that provide children and youth with access to the best health care possible in our community. In recent years, their interest has expanded to address the increasing need to support young people struggling with their mental health.

At any given time, one in four beds at Kelowna General Hospital is occupied by a patient from outside the Central Okanagan. But in the Adolescent Psychiatric Unit (APU) at KGH, over 60% of patients are from out of town. They require an acute level of care and arrive in an incredibly vulnerable state. It is a terrible time to be separated from family.

JoeAnna’s House aims to change that by providing a home away from home for the families of APU patients who must travel to KGH for specialist care. And by supporting JoeAnna’s House, the teams at RBC Dominion Securities in Kelowna are committing to be a part of keeping families together when they need it the most.

“My heart goes out to them. I can’t imagine the hardship of being separated under such difficult circumstances,” says Kinnear. “I feel very proud that together, we can be part of the solution.”

In 2017, RBC Dominion Securities was recognized for completing a \$100,000 pledge to the Take Care, Take Part capital expansion project at Kelowna General, which included significant advancements to the McNair (adult) Psychiatry Unit on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of KGH’s Centennial Building.

“Wealth is so much more than just one’s finances,” notes Kinnear. “When we have the capacity to do so, it’s important to give back and to contribute to the health and well-being of our community.”

“We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and leadership that Mark and the RBC Dominion Securities advisors continue to demonstrate,” says KGH Foundation Board Chair, Peter McPherson. “It makes me very proud to know corporate citizenship is a priority in our community.”



*Team Players: The RBC Dominion Securities softball team took on NHL greats this spring in the Gorges-Comeau Homebase Charity Tournament, to help raise funds for JoeAnna’s House.*

*The KGH Foundation is an independent, volunteer-driven charitable organization committed to enhancing the delivery of healthcare to the patients of Kelowna General Hospital and its associated facilities.*

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