

## **Canadian Nurses Foundation receives \$100,000 gift from TD Bank Financial Group**

**December 3, 2008, OTTAWA** — TD Bank Financial Group and the Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) are pleased to announce a new \$100,000 fund for Aboriginal students studying nursing.

The TD Aboriginal Nursing Fund will support Aboriginal nurses at the Bachelor, Master's, PhD and Nurse Practitioner levels. The fund will also provide research awards for Aboriginal students and research teams who are conducting studies with the goal of improving health outcomes for Aboriginal Canadians.

"Partnering with the Canadian Nurses Foundation and the Aboriginal community to help improve health care is important to us," said Kerry Peacock, Senior Vice President, TD Canada Trust Business Banking. "We're pleased to offer our support through the TD Bank Aboriginal Nursing Fund which, we hope will encourage youth development and ultimately help to improve health outcomes in Aboriginal communities."

Founded in 1962, the Canadian Nurses Foundation fosters national nursing excellence through the provision of research grants, awards and scholarships.

"As Canada's only national nursing foundation, the CNF is pleased to be working with TD Bank Financial Group and the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada to administer this new and vital scholarship and research fund," said H el ene Sabourin, Executive Director of the Canadian Nurses Foundation.

The Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada was founded in 1975 in recognition that Aboriginal health needs can best be met by those of a similar background.

"It is a firm belief of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada that by increasing the number of Aboriginal nurses, and bolstering funding for Aboriginal nursing research, we will increase the overall health status of our Aboriginal communities across Canada," said Rosella Kinoshameg, President, Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada.

"Aboriginal nurses bring knowledge of the language and culture, which is invaluable in working with and understanding clients and the community relationships and practices," she added.

More details about the fund will be available in January 2009 on the CNF website ([www.cnf-fiic.ca](http://www.cnf-fiic.ca)). For more information about the Canadian Nurses Foundation, visit [www.cnf-fiic.ca](http://www.cnf-fiic.ca), e-mail [info@cnf-fiic.ca](mailto:info@cnf-fiic.ca), or call 1.800.361.8404 ext. 242.

- 30 -

### **TD Community Giving: Making a Difference Together**

Children's health, literacy and education, and the environment are the three primary areas of focus for TD's community giving. The major flagship programs within these areas are: TD Children's Hospital Fund, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, TD Canadian Children's Book Week, TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership, and the TD Summer Reading Club. In addition, through the support of our customers and employees, TD is involved with a host of national, regional and local programs in support of diversity, arts and culture and other causes. In 2007,

TD donated \$33 million to more than 2,000 charities and not-for-profit organizations across Canada.

Media contacts:

Jonelle Istead  
Canadian Nurses Foundation  
613-237-2159 ext. 204  
[jistead@cna-aiic.ca](mailto:jistead@cna-aiic.ca)

Gregory Harrison  
TD Bank Financial Group  
416-308-8597  
[gregory.harrison@td.com](mailto:gregory.harrison@td.com)