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**TD Bank Group Continues a 12-Year Tradition of Giving:
TD Grants in Medical Excellence Awarded at St. Joe's**

Friday, September 14, 2012 – Hamilton, ON In the year 2000, TD Bank Group established their namesake grants in medical excellence at Hospitals across Canada, including at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Twelve years later, the bank that boasts having the most valuable brand in the banking business, continues their tradition of giving by supporting the continuing training and education of healthcare professionals at St. Joe's.

Mr. David Kissick, District Vice-President, TD Commercial Banking was at St. Joseph's Healthcare this morning, and was joined by Dr. David Higgins, President of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and Ms. Sera Filice-Armenio, President & CEO, St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation to present the TD Grants in Medical Excellence to 14 worthy recipients.

"Through our investment in the TD Grants in Medical Excellence, we are ensuring that Canada's best and brightest healthcare practitioners have the financial support they need to continue the education that will enable them to become leaders in their respective field. We're certain that investment will pay dividends for generations to come as residents in our region will be cared for by some of the most talented professionals in the field, right here at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton," said Mr. Kissick.

During the same ceremony, the three-year TD Research Fellowship was also awarded to Dr. Subhendu Mukherjee who is working with Dr. Luke Janssen in lung disease research at St. Joseph's renowned Firestone Institute for Respiratory Health. Since the inception of the program in the year 2000, 154 St. Joe's staff members have received a grant to support their education and training while two post-doctoral researchers have received research fellowships from the financial institution.

Hospital President, Dr. David Higgins remarked up TD Bank Group's longstanding investment by stating, "Having the latest facilities and the most advanced equipment is critical to the care we provide. But without a doubt, it is the caring hands and hearts of our talented and professional care and research team that turns the rooms and hallways of this Hospital into a healing centre for the two million people who live in the region we serve. Through these grants, TD is supporting our Hospital's most precious resource...its staff."

2012 Recipients of the TD Grants in Medical Excellence:

Karen Albert	Kelly Holt	Tammy Robinson	Kelly Stevenson
Deanna Burnet	Anne Moulton	Kimberley Ross	Sandy Yuen
Gail Burns	Thabith Nzuzu	Julianne Scicscia	
Ann Higgins	Patricia Rhynold	Annemarie Siebert-Tait	

2012 Recipient of the TD Research Fellowship: Dr. Subhendu Mukherjee

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