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## Hospitals of Regina Foundation Announces Appointment of President and CEO

**Regina, SK** – The Hospitals of Regina Foundation's volunteer board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dino Sophocleous, CFRE as the Foundation's President and CEO effective July 6, 2015.

Mr. Sophocleous is a senior development professional with over 20 years' experience in fundraising, resource development and management of non-profit organizations. Most recently, he served as the President of the Arthritis Research Foundation at the University Health Network in Toronto, Ontario. He was instrumental in managing the organization's fundraising and donor stewardship activities, as well as their capital campaign. Prior to that, Mr. Sophocleous served as President of The Hearing Foundation of Canada.

A pro-active and motivating leader, Mr. Sophocleous has a well-rounded background that includes non-profit management, capital campaigns, major and planned giving, donor stewardship, annual fund programs and financial management.

Mr. Sophocleous holds the CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) professional designation, a BA (Specialized Honors) in Economics from York University and has completed the Capital Campaigns Program offered by the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy at the University of Wisconsin (Madison). In 2012 he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Government of Canada in recognition of dedicated service in the community. He is also Vice Chair, Board of Directors of the Hellenic Home for the Aged in Toronto.

When asked about his past experience, Mr. Sophocleous's passion for fundraising shines through: "Through my work, I have come to appreciate the positive impact fundraising has on society. Over the years I have met some incredible fundraising professionals. Without them, it would have been next to impossible to deliver services, build capacity and help strengthen communities."

The Foundation's board of directors and staff warmly welcome Mr. Sophocleous as the organization's new President and CEO. His expertise and experience will support the organization to provide leadership in strengthening donor engagement and to serve as a catalyst for fundraising initiatives in southern Saskatchewan. "We are looking forward to Dino's leadership as the Hospitals of Regina Foundation continues to improve patient care at Regina's hospitals," said Janet Wightman, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors.



## About Hospitals of Regina Foundation (HRF)

The Hospitals of Regina was established in 1987 to support healthcare services in Regina's hospitals - the Regina General Hospital, the Pasqua Hospital and the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre . Since its founding, HRF donors have raised over \$150 million to help advance the future of healthcare.

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