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**14<sup>th</sup> annual Plywood Cup raises \$60,000.00 for local children's health care**

**Regina, SK, July 1, 2018** – Hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators gathered at Wascana Lake on Canada Day for the 2018 edition of the Plywood Cup, which raised \$60,000.00 in support of Hospitals of Regina Foundation and other local children's charities. The funds will be used to support Pediatric Services at Regina's hospitals and other community child health-care initiatives.

"Once again, the people of southern Saskatchewan have risen to the challenge," says Travis Brown, chair, Plywood Cup. "It's amazing to see how much this event has grown over the past 14 years. As a result of that growth, we're able to help more children each year."

The Plywood Cup requires teams of four to use only two sheets of plywood, a handful of construction materials and their creativity to construct a boat. Given a time limit of 90 minutes, the teams worked feverishly to construct a craft capable of sailing across Wascana Lake without sinking.

"We are so grateful for the support of the organizers and participants of the Plywood Cup," says Dino Sophocleous, president and CEO, Hospitals of Regina Foundation. "Every year, more than 9,000 children seek help in Regina's hospitals. Thanks to events like this one, our children will get the help they need, right here at home."

The top three fundraising teams for 2018 were: RBC Wealth Management – RBC Worthy with \$8,215.00, Avanti Office Products Team – Master Boaters with \$3,240.00 and Virtus Group Team – Virtus Voyager with \$2,695.00. The race winner was Co-op Refinery Complex – CRC Castaways, with Clifton & Associates – Piece of Ship finishing second and Co-op Refinery Complex – A Yacht of Fun coming in third.

**ABOUT THE CANADIAN PROGRESS CLUB REGINA CENTRE**

The Canadian Progress Club Regina Centre is part of the only all Canadian service club. Founded in 1987, the club has raised more than \$2 million for local charities that support children's health and wellness initiatives. More information can be found at [www.reginaprogress.com](http://www.reginaprogress.com).

**ABOUT HOSPITALS OF REGINA FOUNDATION**

In 1987, an inspired group of volunteers came together to make lives better for the people of southern Saskatchewan. Their vision helped establish Hospitals of Regina Foundation. We fundraise and invest in key centres of care in Regina's hospitals, with a goal to help establish the best health care possible for everyone in our community. Because of you, our most dedicated donors, the Foundation will continue to support the critical work of our medical teams and, most importantly, patients who need Regina's hospitals.

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