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Alberta Cancer Foundation Supports Rally for Calgary Cancer Centre

CALGARY - Every day, 43 Albertans hear the words "you have cancer." From the moment a patient hears those three words, life changes. The Alberta Cancer Foundation stands alongside every Albertan by investing in innovative research, leading-edge treatments and support services to ease the cancer journey.

"The rally organized by the Concerned Citizens in support of the Calgary Cancer Centre group reflects the tremendous need and support of the community for this new centre," said Myka Osinchuk, CEO of the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

The Calgary Cancer Centre is not just a new building – it's a new way of providing treatment and care for cancer patients in Calgary and Southern Alberta. The Tom Baker Cancer Centre is a cancer clinic, not a comprehensive cancer centre that is the standard of care across North America. Calgary is the only city of its size in Canada that does not offer comprehensive care for cancer patients at one location. Today, Calgarians must not only endure the physical challenges of cancer treatment, but must also navigate their care across five different sites spread across Calgary.

The Alberta Cancer Foundation has been actively involved in the planning stages for the new Calgary Cancer Centre since its announcement in March 2013. As part of the commitment to Albertans, the Alberta Cancer Foundation has committed \$200 million towards the \$1.3 billion project.

"Government does not need to revisit the scope of the Calgary Cancer Centre – that has been extremely well done through assessments and reviews by many expert. The only thing government needs to do is to find a way to fund this important facility. Wasting time and money rehashing what has already been done is not a good investment," said Osinchuk.

Financial downturns and the price of oil do not change the fact that every day, 43 Albertans hear the words "you have cancer". The need for patient care is greater than ever and the new Calgary Cancer Centre is needed now, more than ever.

Attached: Calgary Cancer Centre Infographic

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About the Alberta Cancer Foundation:

The Alberta Cancer Foundation is the official fundraiser for all 17 cancer centres in Alberta, including the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary, supporting Albertans at the point of care.

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