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\$45,000 in New Grants for Eastern Ontario Students

Ottawa, January 25, 2011 – At a press conference attended by numerous dignitaries, the Montfort Hospital and Collège Boréal foundations announced the creation of two new bursaries totalling \$45,000 for students in eastern Ontario registered in the Medical Radiation Technology (MRT) program at Collège Boréal. Through this innovative partnership, Montfort Hospital and Collège Boréal are increasing accessibility to a unique program in French-speaking Ontario for students from school boards in this area.

As Dr. Bernard Leduc, Montfort Hospital's President and CEO, pointed out, the awarding of these grants is in response to the shortage of medical radiation technologists: "The issues surrounding the shortage of Francophone health specialists are particularly important given the aging population and our longer life spans. To fill the current gap and ensure the replacement of qualified personnel, it's crucial for our institution to associate, through Collège Boréal, with a partner that stands out in the field of post-secondary education. With its expertise, Montfort Hospital's clinical internships, and the two new grants awarded jointly by the Montfort Hospital and Collège Boréal foundations, we are making a joint and concrete effort to improve the health services delivered to Ontario's Francophone population."

Denis Hubert-Dutrisac, President of Collège Boréal, can attest to the success of the graduates of the MRT program: "Since its inception, Collège Boréal's Medical Radiation Technology program has produced no fewer than 214 graduates. These results are all the more impressive in that 100% of the 2010 graduates successfully passed the national exams of the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists. Now, and through these grants, the tangible success of our program will be even more financially accessible to students in the eastern part of the province who would like to study at Collège Boréal."

Students living in Ottawa or within the eastern Ontario school board district have until February 25, 2011 to learn about the eligibility criteria and to apply for a grant from the Collège Boréal admissions office. The Montfort-Boréal grants of \$22,500 each are supported through funding from the Montfort Hospital Foundation, the Collège Boréal Foundation and the Consortium national de formation en français, (Collège Boréal division). According to the most recent performance indicators published by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the placement rate of graduates from the Collège Boréal Medical Radiation Technology program and the satisfaction rate of their employers are 100%.

Thanks to its financial contribution to the CNFS, Health Canada is actively participating in the development of this new innovative initiative that allows a better access to healthcare training programs in French across the country.

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