

# News Release



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## TD Bank Financial Group's Gift of \$500,000 Provides Funding for Founding Director of Chronic Disease and Disabilities Research at Bridgepoint Health

*TD's landmark donation is the single largest donation ever received by Bridgepoint Health*

TORONTO, May 28, 2007 — Bridgepoint Health is receiving a landmark gift of \$500,000 today from TD Bank Financial Group. The gift will be used to create a vital new position - the TD Bank Financial Group Founding Director in Chronic Disease and Disabilities Research – whose mandate will be to lead research and develop strategies to make Bridgepoint the foremost centre of complex chronic disease research in Canada.

"This generous gift from TD marks an important milestone for us," said Marian Walsh, President and CEO, Bridgepoint Health. "This is the largest single gift ever provided to Bridgepoint Health and gives us the momentum and funds we need to hire a top scientist to help us lead the way in our research mission."

The newly created Director position will help Bridgepoint take its understanding of complex chronic disease to the highest level and offer the opportunity to better understand and address the relationships among multiple chronic illnesses. The Director will also aim to discover, through research and experience, how Bridgepoint can better help patients and their families living with complex chronic disease enhance the quality of their lives while educating the next generation of specialized clinicians.

"TD has a strong commitment to investing in the future of our communities, and what better way to do that than to ensure hospitals have the funds to address the pressing health care needs of those living with chronic diseases and disabilities," said Colleen Johnston, Chief Financial Officer TD Bank Financial Group. "With Bridgepoint's expertise and TD's ability to provide funding, we're making a difference together."

Tim Hockey, Group Head Personal Banking, Co-Chair TD Canada Trust and Chair of TD's Persons with Disabilities Committee added, "So many Canadians -- including many of our customers and employees -- live with chronic diseases and disabilities, so we're pleased to be able to help Bridgepoint recruit top scientists who can truly make a difference in this field. We are very proud to support Bridgepoint's bold vision to become Canada's leading research institute in this critical area."

**ABOUT BRIDGEPOINT HEALTH**

Bridgepoint Health is located on the east side of Toronto and is one of Canada's largest integrated healthcare networks providing a continuum of care for individuals living with complex chronic disease and disability. Bridgepoint Hospital is slated for redevelopment and in the process of building a new, world class facility. Bridgepoint Health comprises four groups: Bridgepoint Hospital, Bridgepoint Community Rehab (a not for profit community based rehabilitation service), Bridgepoint Health Centre for Research, Education and Policy, and the Bridgepoint Health Foundation. For more information visit [www.bridgepointhealth.ca](http://www.bridgepointhealth.ca)

**TD Community Giving: Making a Difference Together**

Children's health, literacy and education, and the environment are the three primary areas of focus for TD's community giving. The major flagship programs within these areas are: TD Children's Hospital Fund, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, TD Canadian Children's Book Week, TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership, and the TD Summer Reading Club. In addition, through the support of our customers and employees, TD is involved with a host of national, regional and local programs in support of diversity, arts and culture and other causes. In 2006, TD donated \$33 million to more than 1,600 charities and not-for-profit organizations across Canada.

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