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## The Victoria Hospital Foundation's Weekly Radio Bingo Begins 4<sup>th</sup> Year

On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 the Victoria Hospital Foundation's Weekly Radio Bingo will begin its 4th year.

The weekly one hour broadcast is heard on Rawlco Radio's: Today's Country 900 CKBI, FM 95.9 in La Ronge and FM 92.5 in Big River each Thursday between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. More than \$150,000 in proceeds have been used to help purchase needed medical equipment for the Victoria Regional Hospital in Prince Albert.

Since launching in February of 2009, Weekly Radio Bingo has sold more than 100,000 weekly \$5 Game Packs and has paid out over \$230,000 in prizes to players. In

addition, the original Loonie Pot prize has increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in response to a growing player base. To date 14 Loonie Pot Prizes have been won totalling \$95,000.

The more than \$150,000 in proceeds have been used to help purchase medical equipment such as: \$50,000 for Endoscopy Suite equipment, \$50,000 for the medical equipment used in the three Operating Rooms which were upgraded in 2010 at the hospital and most recently \$50,000 to help with the purchase of three \$150,000 Anesthetic Machines for three of the Victoria Regional Hospital's four Operating Rooms. Funds have also been used to purchase a number of the special STAXI Wheel Chairs which are used throughout the hospital.

Rob Dalziel, executive director with the Victoria Hospital Foundation says, "This has been an amazing project for us, and, ultimately for the patients who need the hospital. We have received tremendous support from our players, Rawlco Radio, our retailers, Canada Post, Kin Enterprises (who assist us in putting the Game Packs together) and our volunteers who help us each week. It has been a fantastic awareness builder for us too."

Weekly Radio Bingo – Game Packs are available from a network of retailers in Prince Albert as well as across central and northern Saskatchewan.

Information about retailers, rules and recent winners are posted on the both the foundation's web site [www.helpthevic.ca](http://www.helpthevic.ca) and web sites operated by Prince Albert's Rawlco Radio and [www.paNOW.com](http://www.paNOW.com)

