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Media Advisory

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Innovative Lifesaving Program: Training Community Health Representatives from First Nation Communities to Provide Community Members With Education and Training On Essential Lifesaving Skills

This unique partnership program is a direct response to the 'Truth and Reconciliation' Commission's 'call to action: "to increase the number of Indigenous professionals working in the health care field, ensure the retention of Indigenous health-care providers in Indigenous communities and provide cultural competency training for all health-care professionals"

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – SE Health and St. John Ambulance are collaborating to train and support Community Health Representatives (CHRs) with the skills they need to save lives – particularly in their own remote First Nation communities, in Saskatchewan.

Together with Dr. Michael Dan, philanthropist and social entrepreneur, the two, like-minded organizations, with long histories and shared values, developed a highly specialized and modular first aid training program, that will see its first cohort graduate on Friday, November 29 2019. In early 2020, these CHRs will return to their respective First Nation communities to train community members on the same first aid program.

Sometimes, people in remote communities are left to handle emergencies on their own, or for longer periods on their own until first responders arrive. There can also be a number of barriers to accessing first aid training in remote communities. This program supports CHRs, a critical health resource in the community, to overcome these barriers. SE Health and St. John Ambulance intend to expand the program to other Indigenous communities across Canada.

What: Community Health Representatives (from First Nations communities), First Aid Program Training Graduation

Who: Dr. Michael Dan (philanthropist and social entrepreneur); Indigenous Community Health Representatives, SE Health, St. John Ambulance

When: Friday, November 29, 2019, 2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m. ***Photo opportunities at 2:00p.m.**

Where: **Four Points by Sheraton**, Saskatoon, 503 Cope Way, Saskatoon, SK. S7T 0G3

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About SE Health

SE Health is a not-for-profit social enterprise applying knowledge, vision and drive to forever impact how people live and age at home, today and into the future. With Canadian roots and 110+ years of expertise, the organization brings quality excellence and innovation to home care, seniors' lifestyle, and family caregiving. Through its team of 9,000 Leaders of Impact, SE Health delivers 21,000 care exchanges daily, totaling 50 million in the last decade alone. Visit us online at sehc.com.

About SE Health First Nations, Inuit and Métis (FNIM) Program

SE Health's dedicated FNIM Program is a key initiative that demonstrates how to *Honour the Human Face of Health Care*. Through partnership and collaboration, the program works to enhance and support the capacity of FNIM communities to understand and solve complex health care issues, improve access, and address barriers to care. The program is recognized as a leading model of collaborative partnership that supports evidence-based and culturally safe care.

About St. John Ambulance Canada

St. John Ambulance is a humanitarian organization and is the foundation of the Order of St. John. The charity has operated in Canada since 1883 with a mission to improve people's health, safety, and quality of life, training over 500,000 students in Canada each year in first aid and CPR. Its volunteers also provide hundreds of thousands of hours of community service across Canada. All proceeds from training and product sales fund St. John Ambulance's community services, in addition to generous support from donors. Learn more at www.sja.ca