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Nominations open for 2019 BC Health Care Awards Event recognizes outstanding achievements in health care delivery across the province

VANCOUVER – Nominations are now open for the 13th annual BC Health Care Awards. The awards celebrate successes and achievements in BC's health care system, and recognize people who provide outstanding care and support. Awards are for projects that improve health care delivery, and for individuals who make a positive impact and inspire those around them.

Nominations are accepted online at <u>BCHealthCareAwards.ca</u> until March 15, 2019. Health care colleagues and members of the public – including patients and their families – have the opportunity to recognize and thank health care employees in their communities by submitting a nomination.

"The BC Health Care Awards are a great opportunity to highlight some of the incredible health care professionals who ensure that British Columbians receive world-class, person-centred health care services each and every day," said HEABC President & CEO Michael McMillan. "Over the past 12 years, the awards have recognized more than 200+ individuals and project teams who have made our province a leader in patient care, medical research and innovation."

Visit BCHealthCareAwards.ca and follow the awards on Twitter or Facebook for updates. To learn more about previous award recipients, visit the BC Health Care Awards YouTube channel. This year's award recipients will be announced at a luncheon in Vancouver on June 24, 2019.

The 2019 BC Health Care Awards are generously supported by Healthcare Benefit Trust and Pacific Blue Cross.

The Health Employers Association of British Columbia (HEABC) is the accredited bargaining agent for most publicly funded health employers in the province, representing denominational, proprietary and affiliate health employers, as well as the province's six health authorities. HEABC coordinates the labour relations interests of 250 publicly funded health care employers and negotiates five major provincial agreements covering more than 110,000 unionized health care employees.

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