Local HERO Foundation Receives $650,000 donation

Fort McMurray, AB (June 1st, 2015) – The Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization (HERO) Foundation has received a $650,000 donation from the Sunrise Energy Project, a joint venture between Husky Energy and BP. The gift will help provide continued medevac service to communities in northern Alberta.

“Local HERO offers an essential service,” says John Myer, Husky’s Senior Vice President, Oil Sands. “With citizens living and workers operating in remote areas, it is reassuring to know that service is nearby in the event of medical need.”

Local HERO provides emergency medical flights in the Wood Buffalo region. The service is operated by Phoenix Heli-Flight, working with the Fort McMurray Fire Department.

“This gift means we can continue to respond whenever someone needs help,” says Paul Spring, President and operations manager of Phoenix Heli-Flight. “Husky and BP understand how important it is to have around-the-clock flights at the ready for those living and working in this area.”

The medevac service has a dedicated helicopter on call. It began 24-hour service in 2013.

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