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TULL FAMILY FOUNDATION COMMITS \$100,000 TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY OF WHISTLER DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

Grants made to the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation and to the Whistler Health Care Foundation

Whistler, British Columbia – The Tull Family Foundation has committed \$100,000 to support the community of Whistler during the COVID-19 health crisis. \$50,000 was granted to the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation and an additional \$50,000 was given to the Whistler Health Care Foundation.

The Tull Family Foundation is founded by Alba and Thomas Tull, and supports education, life science research and conservation service sectors. The Whistler Health Care Foundation will be using the funds to purchase a new ventilator for the Whistler Health Care Centre.

"On behalf of the Whistler Health Care Foundation, we would like to say a thank you to the Tull Family Foundation for their very generous donation of \$50,000. The funds received will cover a large portion of the funds required to purchase a new ventilator for the Whistler Health Care Centre. The ventilator will replace the existing 20 year old machine, which is a critical piece of equipment needed during the COVID-19 pandemic," says Sandra Cameron, Chair of the Whistler Health Care Foundation. "The ventilator is needed now and in the years to come as part of the plans for an upgraded trauma room. Ventilators are important for the support of critical care patients needing respiratory assistance for a variety of causes including trauma and other medical conditions."

The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation will be using the funding to continue to support the most urgent needs of the community through the WBF COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

"We were humbled to receive the news about the incredible generosity of the Tull Family. The needs of our local communities continue to be on an upward trajectory and we are so grateful to the Tull Family for providing this support", said Mei Madden, Executive Director of the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation.

"The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation and the Whistler Health Care Foundation are incredibly important to us and crucial during this unprecedented time. We are grateful for the work they are doing to prioritize the care of the Whistler community now and always, a place that is our home away from home and holds so many memories dear to our family," said Alba and Thomas Tull.

About the TULL Family Foundation

The Tull Family Foundation (TFF) is a private foundation that philanthropically supports efforts across the education, life science research and conservation service sectors. TFF's founders, Alba and Thomas Tull, primarily focus their giving to empower change and advancement with particular attention to technological advancements. The Tulls pursue their mission by investing in organizations that are groundbreaking and innovative and have the ability to transform the lives of the people they serve.

About the Health Care Foundation

Founded in 1994, the Whistler Health Care Foundation is a registered non-profit that advocates for and financially assists in the provision of health care services, facilities and equipment to benefit Whistler's 12,000 permanent residents and 3.48 million annual visitors. Donors to the foundation raise funds to help provide money required to meet Whistler's urgent and greatest health care needs. For more information, visit www.whistlerhealthcarefoundation.org.

About the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation

The Whistler Blackcomb Foundation is dedicated to providing financial support to registered non-profit organizations whose activities provide benefit to residents of the Sea to Sky Corridor in the areas of health, human services, education, recreation, arts and culture and the environment with an emphasis on children, youth and family programs. Since 1992, the Foundation has provided over \$15 million dollars in cash grants to deserving charities. For more information visit, www.whistlerblackcombfoundation.com

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