



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation appoints business leader new Board Chair

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Joy Jennissen to the position of Chair of the Board of Directors.

Joy succeeds outgoing Chair of the Board Peter Green, who served the Foundation as Director and as Board Chair for seven years.

Joy brings strong business acumen and leadership to her new role, with over 26 years of management experience across Canada. As Chief Client Officer with Hill & Knowlton Strategies, she has established a national reputation for excellence in project management, relationship development and communications. Joy is well-known within the Vancouver business community and has been a contributor to various not-for-profit organizations throughout her career.

“I am very honoured to have been asked to take on this responsibility at this pivotal time for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation,” said Joy. “I would like to thank Peter Green for his steady leadership and guidance over the past seven years. I look forward to working with the Board and all of our partners, as we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Foundation and its remarkable success.”

As Chair of the Board, Joy will oversee the Foundation’s strategic direction, furthering its compassionate care for HIV treatment and prevention at the Dr. Peter Centre, and sharing its progressive approach nationally and beyond.

About the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation is a not-for-profit health care organization, operators of Vancouver’s Dr. Peter Centre. The Centre provides compassionate care for persons living with HIV and additional significant health and social vulnerabilities, including mental illness, trauma, addictions, unstable housing, and food insecurity. Its day health program, 24-hour licensed nursing care residence, and enhanced supportive housing program is widely recognized for its progressive care. The Centre’s knowledge translation program is supporting health care organizations throughout Canada and beyond to build their capacity to integrate similar care responses.

Dr. Peter Jepson-Young established the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation prior to his death in 1992. Peter was a young Vancouver physician diagnosed with advanced AIDS in 1986. When his condition became too debilitating to continue practicing medicine, he sought to inform and educate the public and others living with HIV/AIDS via The Dr. Peter Diaries. In 111 television episodes broadcast on CBC TV over two years, Dr. Peter used honesty, pathos and humour to share his experience, bringing a human face and a human touch to the epidemic at a time when too few knew the difference between myth and medical reality.