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JDRF Applauds the Government of Canada's Report on "Diabetes in Canada: Facts and Figures From a Public Health Perspective"

TORONTO (December 15, 2011) – JDRF applauds The Government of Canada's leadership in releasing the report "Diabetes in Canada: Facts and Figures from a Public Health Perspective." This comprehensive report will help support the development of health policies and programs aimed at preventing and managing diabetes in Canada.

"JDRF welcomes this report as it provides a comprehensive view of the diabetes landscape in Canada as well as the impact diabetes is having on the Canadian population and economy," said Andrew McKee, President and CEO of JDRF. "We thank the Government for its efforts and investment in this important initiative."

Affecting 300,000 Canadians, type 1 diabetes can occur at any age, leaving children and adults dependent on injected or pumped insulin for life. The number of people living with type 1 diabetes is increasing by three to five per cent annually - the greatest rise being in children aged five to nine years.

"Diabetes continues to have an impact on millions of Canadians and their families," says McKee. "Through reports such as this one released today, we are making real progress in improving the lives of those living with type 1 diabetes. We look forward to continuing to work with the Government of Canada as we move forward with our goal of curing type 1 diabetes."

The full report is available at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cd-mc/diabetes-diabete/index-eng.php>

About JDRF

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults with this disease, JDRF is the largest charitable supporter of T1D research. The goal of JDRF is to improve the lives of every person affected by T1D by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating, and preventing T1D. JDRF collaborates with a wide spectrum of partners who share this goal. Since its founding in 1970, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.5 billion to T1D research. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education. Past JDRF research efforts have helped to significantly improve the care of people with this disease, and have expanded the critical scientific understanding of T1D. JDRF will not rest until T1D is fully conquered.

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