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Northwestel commits \$450,00 over 5 years to the Yukon Hospital Foundation, with a focus on mental health.

Whitehorse, October 6, 2023 – Northwestel announced a significant \$450,000 donation over the next five years to the Yukon Hospital Foundation. This donation will support the Building Better Together Campaign to raise \$ 2 million for the new 12-bed mental wellness unit at Whitehorse General Hospital. Tammy April, Vice President of Customer Experience at Northwestel, joined Yukon Minister of Health and Social Services Tracy-Anne McPhee to announce the donation.

This year is the 20th anniversary of Northwestel's partnership with the Yukon Hospital Foundation and the Northwestel Festival of Trees. Funds raised from this year's Northwestel Festival of Trees will support the new mental health unit. Northwestel has committed more than \$2.7 million to the Yukon Hospital Foundation.

"Looking back over the past 20 years, we have been honoured to support so many critical health care services brought to Yukoners. From Canada's first MRI north of 60 to critical pediatric care for our youngest Yukoners, we're proud to continue our partnership with the Yukon Hospital Foundation." – Tammy April, Vice President of Customer Experience, Northwestel.

"Our government has been clear that we want a healthcare system that is built on collaboration and mutual support from many different partners across the spectrum. We are pleased that Northwestel has come forward as a healthcare partner, making an important contribution to keeping Yukoners healthy. We are fortunate to have their support." – Tracy-Anne McPhee, Health and Social Services Minister

"Yukoners and other northern residents have benefited from these generous commitments since Northwestel's first major gift in 2003. We are excited and grateful that this strong partnership with Northwestel continues to allow Yukon Hospitals to provide world-class healthcare here in the Yukon." – Karen Forward, President of the Yukon Hospital Foundation

The Yukon Hospital Foundation is thrilled to present the 20th anniversary of the Northwestel Festival of Trees, set to enchant the Yukon community from November 23 to December 2. This beloved event offers a variety of festive activities for all to enjoy.

For more information about these exciting events and ticket details, please visit the Yukon Hospital Foundation's official website at YHF.ca. Don't miss out on the magic and joy of the holiday season as we celebrate this special milestone at the Northwestel Festival of Trees!

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