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## **Over \$95,000 raised for STARS at Access Credit Union Charity Golf Tournament**

**Pembina Valley, MB** – STARS Air Ambulance took flight on September 14th with a strong philanthropic effort at Access Credit Union's 5<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament.

Raising \$36,424 through participants and sponsors, and with a surprise announcement of an additional \$25,000 from Access Credit Union, the final 2017 Charity Golf Tournament proceeds to STARS totalled \$61,424. Myrna Wiebe, SVP and COO of Access, was participating in STARS Rescue on the Island event at the same time, and managed to raise \$34,110 bringing the grand total donation for STARS to \$95,534.

"We chose STARS as the recipient for this year's Charity Golf Tournament recognizing the enormous contribution that they provide not only to the communities we serve, but communities throughout Manitoba." said Larry Davey, President and CEO of Access Credit Union. "Our mandate as a credit union is to continue to invest in causes that better the lives of our members and we were fortunate to find a partner in STARS that serves those same areas with the same passion that we have."

A model STARS helicopter was presented to Access Credit Union at the end of the event in recognition of their continued support. Access Credit Union was also recognized again as the first Manitoba organization to have a logo placed on the side of the Manitoba STARS helicopter.

Registrations for the 2018 tournament will begin in the spring of next year.

### **About STARS**

STARS is a charitable, non-profit helicopter air ambulance organization that provides time, hope and life-saving support to critically ill and injured patients. Our doctors, nurses, paramedics and pilots work with a team of dedicated support staff and community partners to save lives through rapid and specialized emergency medical care and transportation. STARS operates 24/7 out of six bases across western Canada, where it has carried out more than 36,000 missions since 1985.

### **About Access**

Access Credit Union strives to be an employer of choice in Southern Manitoba with 17 branches, 260 employees and over \$2.5 billion in assets under administration. We support an engaged, highly competent staff inspired to achieve their personal best while reflecting our mission, vision and values.

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