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### **Let's Talk Science receives \$75,000 gift in recognition of the Royal Tour**

WINNIPEG, MB – Earlier today, the Government of Canada announced a \$75,000 gift to Let's Talk Science in recognition of the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall's Royal Tour of Canada.

The gift was announced during a speech by the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada at Red River College's Stevenson Hangar in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Officially distributed by Canadian Heritage, the gift to charity is a customary practice by the Government of Canada to celebrate each Royal Tour. The announcement came on the last day of Their Royal Highnesses' four-day visit to Canada.

"Let's Talk Science is delighted to receive this donation from Canadian Heritage in recognition of the Royal Tour," said Bonnie Schmidt, president and founder, Let's Talk Science. "This gift will increase Let's Talk Science's capacity to engage Canadian youth in meaningful learning experiences that help prepare them to become informed 21st century citizens and develop the critical skills they need for the future demands of work."

"We are extremely honoured to be one of the two organizations to receive this gift," said Rick Dobson, chair, Let's Talk Science. "As a national organization this gift will benefit many thousands of children, youth and educators who participate in Let's Talk Science programs across Canada. Furthermore, it helps us enable over 3,000 volunteers who reach those children and youth inspiring discovery each year."

Let's Talk Science is a national, charitable organization that creates and delivers unique learning programs and services to engage children, youth and educators in science, technology, engineering and math.

Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, Let's Talk Science includes programs for children and youth from preschool to Grade 12. The Let's Talk Science Outreach program operates out of 40 university and college locations across Canada including two Outreach sites located in Manitoba. Richard Jung, Let's Talk Science Outreach site Coordinator for the University of Manitoba, attended the event on behalf of Let's Talk Science. Let's Talk Science programs also include IdeaPark for preschool to Grade 3 educators, and CurioCity for Grade 8 to 12 educators and students.

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### **About Let's Talk Science**

Let's Talk Science creates and delivers unique learning programs and services that engage children, youth and educators in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Let's Talk Science is an award-winning, national, charitable organization. The organization strives to prepare youth for their future careers and role as citizens in a rapidly changing world. For more information about Let's Talk Science, please visit [www.letstalkscience.ca](http://www.letstalkscience.ca).