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Otto Bock HealthCare Canada to be Honoured by the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada – Otto Bock HealthCare Canada has been selected to receive the prestigious Corporate Award from the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons. The award will be presented in Toronto on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Great Valentine Gala, an event that provides an enduring tribute to the achievements and aspirations of Canadians with disabilities.

The Great Valentine Gala's Corporate Awards were established in 1991 to recognize companies who have made an outstanding contribution in assisting persons with disabilities, especially in the workplace. These contributions have taken many forms that include ongoing financial donations, support for Foundation newspaper supplements and magazines, volunteering for various corporate and Foundation events to assist the disabled, and sponsorship of major events and initiatives. But the Foundation stresses it is primarily in the workplace that these companies have led by example.

In announcing the selection of Otto Bock Canada as a Corporate Award winner, the CFPDP states, "Otto Bock HealthCare has been an international leader in rehabilitation technology for more than 90 years, with an extensive line of products including prosthetics, orthotics, mobility devices such as wheelchairs, and neuroimplants. Otto Bock HealthCare's corporate vision to restore and maintain human independence has helped millions of people with disabilities to achieve a life of greater opportunity."

Says Otto Bock HealthCare Canada President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Agro, "It is a great honour to receive the recognition the Corporate Award brings. There's a very real sense that our work has value and importance for others, and employees at Otto Bock share this vision. Our employees come to work knowing we will provide products that make a difference in people's lives. It might be a foot for someone in Calgary or a hand for someone in St. John's, but you know somebody's life is going to be significantly enhanced."

Bert Harman, President and CEO for Otto Bock North America concurs. "We know the products we touch let people do things such as dance at their daughter's wedding or go fishing with their grandson. 'Quality for Life' isn't an empty slogan to us, and we continue to measure our success by how well we serve the people who ultimately use our products. Otto Bock's clear focus on our customers' ambitions motivates every one of our employees."

Otto Bock is also a long-term partner of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and is pleased representatives of the company will be in attendance when the 2010 Winter Canadian Paralympic medal winners receive King Clancy Awards at the Gala. The Paralympians will be recognized as individuals whose outstanding accomplishments have helped to increase public awareness about the potential of disabled people, and through their efforts inspired others to become active and contributing members of society. Otto Bock's support of the athletes and the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver included an exhibition on topics related to the Paralympics entitled "Spirit in Motion – Discover What Moves Us". The attraction, based in Whistler and visited by over 23,000 people, offered information on the history of the Paralympic movement and various sports, background knowledge about medical technology, and opportunities for interactive participation.

Burlington-based Otto Bock HealthCare LP was established in 1978 as the Canadian corporate headquarters of Otto Bock HealthCare, GmbH, based in Duderstadt, Germany. Otto Bock has more than 4,000 employees worldwide and produces over 40,000 types of prosthetic and orthotic components, mobility and rehabilitation products. Otto Bock also maintains two of its research facilities in Canada. (www.ottobock.ca)

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