



## **Multimedia Exhibit Commemorates History of the St. Boniface School of Nursing**

May 31, 2017 -- Winnipeg St. Boniface Registered Nurses' Alumni Association today unveiled an interactive multimedia exhibit commemorating the 100 year history of nursing at St. Boniface Hospital.

"The St. Boniface School of Nursing played a critical role in developing curriculum and skills in generations of nursing women and men, many of whom went on to become nursing leaders in our community and elsewhere, says Wanda Andres, Alumni President. "The Alumni's goal was to tell these stories in a modern way and make them accessible to patients, staff and visitors to St. Boniface Hospital"

The exhibit, installed in the Hospital's Everett Atrium, includes interactive monitors, wall murals and window screens. It features the history of the School of Nursing, its founders, the Grey Nuns of Montreal and its graduates and describes their contribution to the nursing profession in Manitoba and beyond.

"The Alumni and the Hospital wanted to showcase our shared history within limited public space. After exploring different options, we determined a multimedia exhibit using interactive technology would work well in a hospital environment," adds Shirley Delaquis, Chair of the Alumni Archive Committee.

To achieve their vision for the exhibit, the Alumni retained the services of local curator Annie Langlois and designer Thomas Bres to help with the planning, design and production of the exhibit. Langlois and Bres have worked with the St. Boniface Historical Society, le Centre culturel franco-manitobain and La Liberté on exhibits commemorating significant events in Manitoba's French speaking community. They have also worked on exhibits in Europe and the US.

"We were very excited at this opportunity to tell the story of nursing at St. Boniface Hospital using new technologies," says Annie Langlois. "Theirs is a very rich history, and we believed we could showcase photographs, artefacts and documents in a way that allows visitors to explore to their level of interest. They can choose what they want to learn by clicking and zooming in or out of the different chapters."

"The project was almost seven years in the making, says Shirley Delaquis. "The Alumni is thankful to our members and the many individuals and organizations who helped make this possible. "