## HSC GD6

The refurbishment and upgrading of the Acute Leukemia/ Blood and Marrow Transplant/ Oncology Unit on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of HSC (GD6) is a priority. Patients, family members and staff have all expressed the need to create an environment which is less institutional and more comfortable to assist in the healing process.

This unit is unlike any other because it is a controlled environment and the patients are unlike other patients because they are confined. The nature of the disease and treatments limits activities due to the fact their condition leaves them highly susceptible to infection.

Given the average patient can experience a length of stay from 4 to 6 weeks right up to 8 months, the facilities with new furniture and new technology will make patients more comfortable during their treatment and deliver a positive impact on mental well-being. In some cases, patients are confined to their rooms, unable to even walk in the unit's hallway.

The HSC Foundation, former patients, family members and staff of GD6 are embarking on a fundraising initiative to raise up to \$250,000 to refurbish and upgrade the unit and create a warmer environment for healing. The initiative is called the "Hope Project".

# Registration

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Location: Assiniboine Park

**Duck Pond** 

Times: Registration: 6:00 PM

Run/Walk: 7:00 PM

Distance: 5 km

Registration Fee: \$20 per person

\$50 per family

Pledge form enclosed

#### WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Online at www.eventsonline.ca
- By mail to 99 Duncan Norrie Dr.
  Winnipeg, MB R3P 2K2

Cheques to: HSC Foundation GD6 5km Run/Walk

• In person

First Name	
Last Name	
Address	
City/Prov	
Postal Code	
email	

Please circle				
Individual	\$20	Family	\$50	

Tax receipts issued by HSC Foundation for all pledges

### **Silent Auction to follow**

## **Chris McCubbins**



Chris McCubbins was a successful US collegiate runner in cross country and steeplechase events. Chris was ranked as Canada's top runner at distances from 5 km up to 20 km during the 1970's and 1980's.

He is the 1967 Pan Am Games gold medalist in the 3000m steeplechase. Locally, he set course records on several provincial courses. He won the Canadian 3000m steeplechase in 1972 and the Canadian Cross Country Championships in 1974 and 1975. He handily won the Canadian Olympic trials 10,000 meters and represented Canada at the Olympic Games in 1976. He simultaneously held the Manitoba track records for 3000m steeplechase, 5000m and 10,000m.

Chris continued to run as a master (over 40) and set many course records at Manitoba road race events. In 1993, Runners' World magazine ranked Chris as fourth in the world as a master runner. Chris continued to serve the running community as a coach, leading young athletes to their own successes.

Chris was diagnosed with AML in February 2009 and is currently in remission. He spent over a month on GD6 and heartily endorses donations to the ward.