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22nd Anniversary of Montreal Massacre: Women's College Hospital Remembers

TORONTO (Dec. 6) – Women's College Hospital will hold its annual ceremony in recognition of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011.

WHAT: A commemorative service in memory of the 14 young women who were murdered in an act of gender-based violence at l'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989. The service will be held at Women's College Hospital as part of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women established in 1991 by the Canadian government.

Delivering the keynote address entitled ***"Ending Violence Against Women – A Report Card"*** will be Pamela Cross, accomplished feminist lawyer, leader in law reform in the area of violence against women and legal director for Luke's Place, an organization providing legal support to women who have experienced abuse.

Fourteen individuals will place roses in a vase as a touching gesture of remembrance when the names of the 14 murdered women are read aloud. A 15th rose will be placed in remembrance of the women and children slain through domestic violence in Ontario during the past year. Also participating in the ceremony will be the **Hon. Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**; the **Hon. Laurel C. Broten, Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues**; the **Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett, PC, MP**; **deputy chief Peter Sloly, Toronto Police Service**, and **Michael Kaufman, co-founder of the white ribbon campaign**, among others.

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 - noon to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Cummings Auditorium
Women's College Hospital
76 Grenville St. Toronto, ON

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