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## **Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life contribute \$20,000 to Collaborative Learning Space in Saskatoon**

*Saskatoon, January 12, 2017* – Central Park Common, a community shared space between READ Saskatoon and the Saskatchewan chapters of MS Society of Canada and Arthritis Society, has received a \$20,000 contribution from Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life. The contribution was presented by Kristen Hamm, Regional Director, Freedom 55 Financial – the financial security planning division of London Life.

Sheryl Harrow-Yurach, Executive Director of READ Saskatoon said “This investment in Central Park Common will support literacy and provide health support and information in one of Saskatoon’s oldest neighbourhoods – City Park. Shared space is a highly effective, sustainable solution for strengthening Saskatoon’s health and economy. We applaud the companies for their commitment to healthy communities, and for recognizing the value of our collaboration.”

The three non-profit agencies regularly work with thousands of community members as literacy learners, participants, and volunteers. The funds will go toward capital improvements, and to program and service-delivery enhancements at each agency.

“Central Park Common will be an important resource for the well-being of families in Saskatoon,” said Kristen Hamm, Regional Director, Freedom 55 Financial Centre in Saskatoon. “These are three dedicated and collaborative agencies. We appreciate what they provide as we work together to build a stronger community.” Freedom 55 Financial is the financial security planning division of London Life.

“Knowledge is empowering,” says Harrow-Yurach. “And better access to information will help ensure Saskatoon and Saskatchewan families can get the answers to their questions when they need them most.”

### **About Great West Life, London Life, Canada Life**

Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life offer a broad portfolio of financial and benefit plan solutions, and serve the financial security needs of more than 12 million people across Canada. Responsible and ethical management is an intrinsic value of the companies and is essential to long-term profitability and value creation. As an Imagine Caring Company supporting the principles of corporate citizenship and benchmarks for community investment established by Imagine Canada, the companies donate a minimum of one per cent of average pre-tax profits to non-profit, charitable and community organizations each year.

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