

## W. Garfield Weston Foundation Partners with Canadian Foundation for Women's Health

**Ottawa – 4 December 2009** - The W. Garfield Weston Foundation has established the *Garfield Weston Foundation Award* in partnership with the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health (CFWH). This award consists of two \$17,000 grants to help fund research projects focusing on women's sexual and reproductive health. Each year, the specific area of research will change to reflect current pertinent women's sexual and reproductive health issues. The focus for the 2010 *Garfield Weston Foundation Award* is on Obesity and Reproductive Health, an issue that has become increasingly relevant in recent years.

"We are very impressed with the commitment to Canadian women's health that The W. Garfield Weston Foundation has demonstrated," says Dr. Jennifer Blake, Chair of the CFWH Board of Directors. "This is an exciting new partnership for us and a wonderful opportunity for women's health research."

The call for applications begins on November 1, 2009 with a deadline of March 31, 2010. Once the proposals have been reviewed, the CFWH will work in partnership with The W. Garfield Weston Foundation to award the grants to leading researchers who are working to improve women's reproductive health.

"We are as enthusiastic as the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health is about our newly formed partnership and look forward to the inaugural year of the Garfield Weston Foundation Awards," adds Susan Cohen, Executive Director of the W. Garfield Weston Foundation.

The *Garfield Weston Foundation Award* recipients will be presented at the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada's Annual Clinical Meeting held in Montreal in June 2010.

For further information, visit [www.cfwh.org](http://www.cfwh.org).

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### About the CFWH

*The Canadian Foundation for Women's Health is Canada's national not-for-profit fundraising foundation for women's reproductive health. With the support of individuals, medical organizations and companies, the CFWH has been funding research that is improving "health between the hips" for Canadian women at every stage of their lives for over ten years. Along with the increased funding for research on women's health, the Foundation also fosters support for international women's health programs.*

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