

# AS COVID-19 LIMITS ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE MEDIACENTRAL CONNECTS READERS WITH THOUSANDS OF REMOTE MEDICAL PROVIDERS

- New alliance with Tia Health provides MediaCentral's 6.5 million readers with access to medical doctors from the safety of their homes during COVID-19 and beyond
  - MediaCentral monetizes 6.5 million audience via omnichannel affiliate plan
  - Portion of profits will be donated to community-based health care in Toronto and Vancouver

TORONTO, ON., April 28, 2020- Media Central Corporation Inc. (CSE: FLYY, FSE: 3AT) ("MediaCentral" or the "Company") today announced that it will provide readers of its leading publications with access to a vast network of remote physicians throughout Canada. This initiative is being rolled out in association with Tia Health. Tia Health is one of Canada's largest providers of telehealth services through its network of thousands of medical doctors, servicing tens of thousands of patients per month. Services are provided free of charge with a valid health card in Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia, and include: online appointments with Canadian medical doctors, prescriptions, referrals, requisitions, mental health support, on demand test requisitions and results, prescriptions and renewals delivered right to the door.

According to a Statistics Canada report: "In 2017, 15.3% of Canadians aged 12 and older [roughly 5.6 million people] reported that they did not have a regular health care provider they see or talk to when they need care or advice for their health... Overall, the proportion of Canadians reporting that they did not have a regular health care provider remained consistent with 2016 (15.8%)."

Receiving timely access to quality healthcare is difficult in a regular environment; during a pandemic, its proving to be excruciating. In response to COVID-19 and in service to their readers, NOW Magazine ("NOW") and the Georgia Straight ("the Straight") - the Company's flagship titles - have increased omnichannel health and medical care coverage considerably.

"Our alliance with Tia Health provides us with the ability to deliver relevant content, further our relationship with our readers and give back to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Brian Kalish, CEO of MediaCentral. "We are very happy to be working with Tia Health in launching this program, which we expect will be the first of many other affiliate based ventures that allow us to leverage our omnichannel assets to engage with readers, and drive value for our advertising partners."

Effective today, much of the health content provided by NOW and the Straight will include referral links or a call to action which directs readers to Tia Health. On Tia Health the Company's vast audience will be able to register for free remote medical assistance, when and where they need it. NOW and the *Straight* will collect an affiliate fee every time a reader or their family engages with one of Tia Health's remote services. A portion of MediaCentral's profits will be directed to community-based healthcare in Toronto and Vancouver.

"We are extremely excited to be aligning with two of MediaCentral's benchmark publications to help provide Canadians access to the health care they so badly need during this time of crisis," said David Del Balso Cofounder and President of INSIG, Tia Health's parent company. "As thousands of doctors close their clinics in response to COVID-19, NOW and the *Straight* are providing a very valuable service in showing Canadians there are options for their care through telemedicine, with Tia Health."

# **About Media Central Corporation Inc.**

Media Central Corporation Inc. (CSE: FLYY, FSE: 3AT) is an alternative media company situated to acquire and develop high-quality publishing assets starting with the recent acquisition of Vancouver Free Press Corp., the purchase of NOW Communications Inc. and the launch of digital cannabis platform CannCentral.com. MediaCentral is consolidating and digitally monetizing the over 100 million coveted and premium consumers of the approximately 100 alternative urban publications across North America, creating the most powerful audience of influencers.

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# About Vancouver Free Press Corp.,

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NOW Central owns and operates NOW Magazine and nowtoronto.com. Since 1981 NOW has been Toronto's news and entertainment voice, published in print every Thursday, and daily at nowtoronto.com. Reaching over 25 million annual readers, NOW has been a leading publication, defining and pioneering the independent and alternative voice for more than 38 years. NOW Central Communications Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Central Corporation Inc. (CSE: FLYY, FSE: 3AT).

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