



We hope you're keeping warm and healthy!

Our December e-newsletter provides a glimpse of some of the very special giving that is having a big impact on local healthcare. It also provides an update about the rebuild at the View's at St. Joseph's and a reflection from one of our long serving board members, Brenda Kelm.

Our community's motivation to care for one another and to ensure exceptional healthcare close to home continues to inspire our volunteer board work and the efforts of our staff. We want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your generosity and your tremendous support of local healthcare throughout the year.

On behalf of everyone, we wish you a wonderful holiday season.

With gratitude,

**Bill Anglin**

*President of the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation Board*

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**Sybil and David Hunden** married in 1940 and lived a life full of adventure and love together. Sybil found her passion as a teacher. David was a teacher when the couple met, joining the Armed Forces in the years following and serving his country for over twenty-five years.

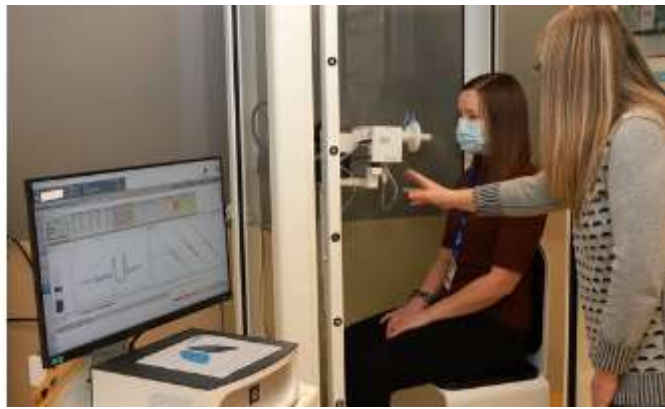
David was originally from Cumberland and his mother lived at Cumberland Lodge for many years. When David and Sybil planned their estates, they decided to leave a bequest to the Lodge in honour of the care his mother received.

Their generosity will continue to support care for seniors in our community for many years to come.

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**THANK YOU,  
TB VETS  
CHARITABLE  
FOUNDATION**



The Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation received great news from **TB Vets Charitable Foundation**. They have generously provided a grant to complete the purchase of a new Pulmonary Function Testing Chamber for the Comox Valley Hospital's Heart and Lung Department.

This essential equipment has the ability to run five different lung function tests, overall allowing physicians to recognize and understand the full extent of a patient's disease, while also providing them the ability to properly diagnose and treat each patient.

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**UPDATE ON  
THE VIEW'S  
REBUILD**

While the dedicated front-line team at The View's at St. Joseph's continue to provide the best care for residents, behind the scenes, planning is well underway for the rebuild, which is set to open in approximately three years.

Demolition of the former St. Joseph's Hospital Emergency Department entrance began at the end of November in preparation for the build.

Providence Living has selected "**Providence Living Place, Together by the Sea**" as the name for the new building. The word "living" speaks to how the space will be created, a home where seniors can truly live, flourish and stay vital by honouring their uniqueness and offering opportunities to engage in community.

This fall, Providence Living hired **Candace Chartier** as President and CEO. Candace brings with her more than two decades of experience in the long-term care sector and has an extensive and established track record of advocating for seniors. **Sharon Parkes** also joined the team as Director of Operations at The View's. She is a Registered Nurse who has worked for Island Health for the last 11 years in roles such as Site Director of Victoria General Hospital, overseeing daily operations of the 350-bed facility.

At the Foundation, we continue to work with the leadership teams at The View's and Providence Living to identify projects that will ensure the best possible care today, and for the future. Currently, we are committed to raising \$240,000 to fund a Transformation of Care project. This multi-year, culture-change program will provide critical training for all staff, physicians, and volunteers at The View's. Thus, when combined with the innovative, purpose-built long-term care home, will ensure that hundreds of seniors in our community receive the excellent support and care they deserve.

We look forward to sharing more information about the rebuild and the impact our donors are having on this area of care in the coming months.

To close, we would like to share a heartfelt thank-you from **Kelley Romeril**, Director of Lifestyles & Community Programs:

*"Words cannot begin to express what your gifts mean to the residents who live at The View's. Generous support from our community connects us to the world outside these walls and is reflected in each moment of joy shared within them. I have the pleasure each day to witness the impact of donations and can assure you, our residents experience fuller lives and brighter days because of your generosity. Though the words "thank you" will never be enough, I will continue to say them in hopes of conveying my deep gratitude for your support."*

## BRENDA KELM REFLECTS



*"In my years with the Foundation as a Board Member, I'm always inspired to see the impact donations have on healthcare. With the tax benefits of gifting securities, I encourage everyone thinking about a donation before year end, to learn more about this option to support healthcare, while also reducing capital gains."*

- **Brenda Kelm**, CVHF Board Member

The Foundation has been grateful to recently receive donations of securities and we welcome this opportunity to share Brenda's comment about the tax benefits of this option for donating.

We recommend talking with your professional advisor to learn more about this option and to review the information on our website by clicking below.

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*Top photograph, left to right - Board of Directors: Rick Eigler, Pieter de la Rey, Bill Anglin, Beverley Sparks, and Brenda Kelm.  
Missing from the photograph - Board of Directors: Colleen Hay, Susan Auchterlonie, Robert Mulrooney, and Chris Haslett.*

We encourage you to visit our website and/or follow us on social media to stay up to date on the latest Foundation news.



*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

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