



As summer unfolds across the Valley, we hope you are enjoying time outdoors and time with your loved ones. At the Foundation, we continue to be inspired by the generosity of our community who give to support healthcare delivered in our hospital, through long-term care, and in our community. We are appreciative of your ongoing support, that is shown in so many ways. Whether sponsoring our golf tournament, becoming a monthly donor, considering a bequest to the Foundation in your estate, or sharing information about our work on social media. We are grateful for the many ways members of our community support the best possible care, close to home.

We welcome this opportunity to share our current e-newsletter with you and look forward to staying in touch throughout the year to keep you informed of the Foundation's work and celebrating the generosity of care in our community.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Aldred, Executive Director



Mike and Marlene Horvath have been supporting healthcare through the Foundation for over 10 years. Each year, they give regularly as monthly donors. They both feel grateful for the quality of care they have received, and see their giving as a way to say thank you, while also helping support the best possible care for others in our community.

Last fall, Mike and Marlene decided to make a special gift to support equipment at the hospital. Their generous gift funded the purchase of a set of ureteroscopes for urology and a vein finder for medical imaging.

Digital ureteroscopes are used in surgical procedures by our urology team. The ureteroscope is a long, narrow scope that ends in a point the size of the tip of a ball point pen. The tip has a high-definition, digital camera that allows a urologist to see images from inside the body with great clarity. It is used for many conditions, including weekly scopes for upper tract urothelial

cancer; bladder cancer, which is the fifth most common cancer in Canada; kidney tumours; and for problematic kidney stones.

Their gift also funded a handheld vein finder for healthcare teams to safely, and less painfully, administer an IV for many patients. This can include people who are undergoing cancer treatment whose veins have been damaged, elderly patients whose veins change through the ageing process, as well as young children. The vein finder is used frequently by the medical imaging team and is shared with the cancer care clinic to support IV chemotherapy treatment.

As part of our sincere gratitude to Mike and Marlene, the Foundation was honoured to recognize their gift with a plaque installed on the vein finder as well including their names on the donor wall in the main lobby of the hospital.

Thank you, Mike and Marlene, for your ongoing, generous support of great care, close to home.



Raising Funds for Vital Ultrasound System in the Maternal Child Unit

The Maternal Child unit at the Comox Valley Hospital is seeking urgent support to replace their broken ultrasound system.

With over 500 babies delivered here annually, and dozens more that visit the unit monthly to assess a baby's breech status, fetal heart health or twin positioning, the ultrasound is undeniably a critical tool.

Aleisha Hyde, Maternal Child Interim Clinical Coordinator, shares: "Obstetric emergencies are incredibly stressful for families. As a healthcare team, we want to ensure access to equipment as quickly as possible to support excellent care."

Expecting families experiencing complications with child birth rely on their care provider to have access to the ultrasound to aid in assessing the situation and determining required intervention immediately.

With the current machine broken, obstetricians, physicians and front line staff must leave the unit to borrow an ultrasound from the Operating Room.

"A new machine would be an incredible asset to the hospital and community, helping to ensure the best possible outcome for women and their infants," emphasizes Hyde.

Donations toward this equipment serve Comox Valley families during the precious moments when they welcome their littlest loved ones into the world.

For more information about this or other fundraising priorities, click on the button below.

CURRENT FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES



This is an exciting time. Under the vision of Providence Living and in partnership with Island Health, The Views at St. Joseph's will be rebuilt as a groundbreaking new model for long-term care that will be called Together by the Sea.

In June, we began reaching out to our community about an opportunity to provide donations to the rebuild of The Views, matched dollar for dollar. We are grateful for the incredibly generous response and the donations we have received towards this long-term care model that will provide opportunities for spontaneity, community engagement and intergenerational connection.

Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation is working with St. Paul's Foundation to support this important project and we need your help to bring this vision to reality.

The Conconi Family Foundation will match each gift made towards the new build, up to \$500,000. If you have already donated - thank you.

There are still matching dollars remaining - please give now, and **double your impact**.



Over the years, Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation has been entrusted with bequests to support healthcare. We know that behind each estate gift, is careful planning, decision making, and a deep care for our community.

We have been collaborating with the team at the Comox Valley Community Foundation to host seminars on topics related to estate planning. Together, we hope to increase awareness of the importance of talking with your loved ones about your wishes and having an up-to-date will.

We are planning more workshops for the fall. These will include the following:

- A session on the ***Role of the Executor***
- A presentation on ***Aging Well in the Comox Valley***
- A workshop on ***Charitable Giving as Part of Your Estate Plan***

We look forward to sharing more information as dates and locations are confirmed.

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