



I hope this email finds you doing well, enjoying the approaching holidays and making your way through cold and flu season.

From our daily interactions with a variety of healthcare professionals, we know they are hard at work ensuring they are providing the best possible care to our community. We are so grateful for them!

In collaboration with these dedicated staff, we have been working to expand cardiac care at our hospital. I recently sent you a letter that should be arriving in the mail any day now with information about this work and our need for your support.

Learning about the impact specific cardiac equipment, training, and expedited diagnoses can have on someone's life from our local department physicians affirms and compels our continued work in this critical area of care.

For example, I heard from Darryl Race, Manager for Emergency, that they require a bedside ultrasound. This equipment is used routinely to diagnose life threatening problems at the bedside when transportation to a CT is too dangerous and not possible. It is also used during resuscitation, allowing frontline staff to target the problem and start addressing the health issue when seconds count.

The letter that you will be receiving by mail includes a story about one of our community members, Wendy, who shared about the care she received at our hospital. Her story really had an impact on me. I hope you will take a moment to read it.

Thank you for considering a year-end gift to help support care in the Comox Valley. Every gift to cardiac care, or designated to another area of care, close to your heart, will help our community.

Sincerely,

Jess

Jessica Aldred, Executive Director

*PS. If you prefer to receive our recent letter about cardiac care by email instead - please let me know! [jessica.aldred@islandhealth.ca](mailto:jessica.aldred@islandhealth.ca). Thank you!*

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## ENT Stealth Station Supports an Excellent Standard of Care

Two years ago, we reached out to ask for donations to purchase an ENT Stealth Station to help recruit an Ears, Nose and Throat Specialist to our community.

The Stealth Station is the industry standard for any ENT trained in the past 10 years to bring the full extent of their excellent standard of care to patients. Without this

equipment, ENTs are limited in how deep they can work during sinus surgery as the procedure takes them close to the eyes and brain.

ENT Specialist, Dr. Remillard, moved to the Comox Valley in 2021 and earlier this year donations funded the purchase of the Stealth Station. Because of the incredible support of donors complex sinus surgeries are performed every week at our hospital, ensuring more people have access to the best possible care, close to home.

We are delighted to share a video with our ENT surgical RN, Ashleigh, as part of our heartfelt gratitude for your support of healthcare in our community.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

## Local Cancer Care Nurses Inspired Upon Attending National Conference

Through your support, the team of nurses providing cancer care at our hospital recently attended a national conference on oncology. The team shared with us the following message that we are happy to be able to pass along to you:

"We are so grateful to donors for supporting our trip to the 2022 Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO) conference in Victoria. After the last couple of very challenging years, it was wonderful for our team to be able to attend an in-person event that gave us the opportunity to further our education as well as connect with our oncology peers from across the country. Our team is incredibly encouraged by the bravery, resilience and fortitude demonstrated by our patients every day and we have come away from this conference inspired to make positive changes to our Comox Valley Hospital Cancer Care Clinic. Thank you - we were able to strengthen our team and are re-invigorated in our passion for oncology nursing."



*Image: Jessica Dakin, RN CVH Cancer Care presenting on "Finding Hope in Difficult Times"*

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