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Great care. Close to home.



COMOX VALLEY
HEALTHCARE
FOUNDATION

It has been over 3 years since the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation expanded its mandate to support acute care at the Comox Valley Hospital, long-term care and community healthcare services provided by Island Health. Since 2000, nearly \$15 million has been raised for healthcare right here, close to home. It is powerful to see how donors, working alongside healthcare professionals, are providing care in our community. I am pleased to share with you some highlights from the past 3 years and how, when we unite towards the common goal of giving great care, we accomplish remarkable things together.



Bill Anglin
President, Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation
Board of Directors

We are grateful for you, our donors

Last year, **2,316 gifts** were made to the Foundation

Almost **\$2.9 million** was raised for healthcare since the new hospital opened

5 members of our community gave bequests through their estate in 2020



500+ brand new, donated teddy bears were given to

children coming to the hospital for care

Over **\$60,000** was donated in memory of loved ones

283 names were listed on the donor wall recognizing lifetime giving

Over \$1.2 million of donor named funds managed to support donor specified healthcare areas



Thank you for offering me an opportunity to express our gratitude for donors. When COVID-19 began last spring, elective surgeries were put on hold across BC. By the time they were restarted, over two thirds of cancelled elective cases were ophthalmic surgeries. Due to the purchase of new cataract sets, we were able to expand from 12-13 cases four days per week, to 16 cases 5 days per week. This has allowed us to provide care for 700-800 additional North Island patients since the surgical expansion began six months ago. The Zeiss Callisto system integrates into our surgeries by facilitating increased accuracy and improved efficiency of intraoperative procedures which improves uncorrected post-operative vision and patient quality of life. We appreciate all the support and generosity given by donors to the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation, you have made a direct impact on the lives of our North Island patients. Thank you.

Dr Glen Hoar
Division of Ophthalmology

In Our Community:

Last year, **41,243 home visits to 2,549 clients** were provided by Island Health's Professional Services Team for care such as rehabilitation, social work and case management.

Every month, **10,000+ hours of care are provided to 550+ clients** through Island Health's Community Home Support.

"Someone said to me that when something happens to you in the Comox Valley, it's like the community is giving you a big hug and I personally have felt that. We all come together and I am very grateful we do."

Sarah Savage, Senior Nurse Consultant,
Geriatric Specialty Services, Comox Valley Hospital

This past year at Our Hospital:

- 7,200 visits to the Cancer Care Clinic.
- 463 babies were born.
- 6,697 surgeries took place.
- 29,966 emergency department visits.
- 3,623 MRIs and 11,772 CT scans performed.

*When you give to strengthen one area of the healthcare system,
you strengthen the entire system.*

Donations over the past 3 years have funded over 60 pieces of priority medical equipment, specialized training and projects in support of our individual and collective health and wellbeing. Highlights include:



Shockpulse Lithotripsy System for the Urology Department uses shock waves to break down stones in the kidneys, bladder, or ureter reducing the need for more invasive treatment. Patients can return home the same day of the procedure.

Cataract sets that enabled 30 extra patients to be seen each week and a Zeiss Callisto system for increased cataract surgery accuracy.

A Pedia-poser Pediatric X-ray for fast, gentle and secure immobilization of infants and toddlers for imaging.

Donor funded Lifts at The Views were used nearly 140,000 times.

189 staff took **training in Basic Life Support (CPR)**, for fast, skilled care during a Code Blue. This program teaches: rapid assessment, CPR and defibrillation, airway obstruction, and assisted ventilation.

2 handheld Ultrasounds for rapid and accurate diagnostics that are beneficial in assessing cardiac function.

Gel therapy mittens worn during certain chemotherapy treatments preventing loss of fingernails.

Motivex Electronic Peddler displays scenic videos for residents with dementia at Glacier View Lodge to strengthen their bodies while custom created films play of cycling along Pt Holmes, the Airpark or up to Mt. Washington. Local scenes trigger positive memories and help participants feel part of our community.

300 hours of music therapy to reduce stress of Cumberland Lodge residents with moderate to advanced Alzheimer disease, as well as supporting relaxation for residents exhibiting anxiety and depression.

The duet wheelchair tandem bike provided about 1,300 rides for residents at The Views this year. This bike with a comfortable seat for the rider and easy pedaling for the caretaker = fun, safe access to outdoor joy.

LUCAS Compression System mechanical chest compression device for the ER Department ensuring good quality chest compressions, while healthcare professionals focus on patient care. Especially effective under COVID as safety protocols limit the number of doctors and nurses in a room.

A Grifold DG Spring Centrifuge which doubled the number of lab tests performed and increased turnaround times for results.

A recumbent bike for physical therapy.

An infant resuscitation cart, jaundice meter, infant incubator and wireless fetal monitors for our youngest patients.

Each year, **dedicated board members volunteer 430+ hours**, working with the professional team of staff, to ensure donor funds are directed to areas where they can make the most significant impact in alignment with donors' wishes.

- Bill Anglin - President
- Colleen Hay - Vice President
- Brenda Kelm - Treasurer
- Susan Auchterlonie
- Rick Eigler
- Chris Haslett
- Robert Mulrooney
- Bev Sparks

"I cannot stress enough how important it is to support folks to feel connected to the community again"

Wanda McMillan, Executive Director,
Glacier View Lodge

We look forward to staying in touch with you throughout the year.

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