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COMOX VALLEY
HEALTHCARE
FOUNDATION

It is an honour to volunteer with the Healthcare Foundation. As Board President, it is inspiring to see how donors, alongside healthcare professionals, are caring for our community.



The Foundation Board and our team, take the stewardship of your donations as our most important responsibility. We value the trust you place in us, each time you give. We are dedicated to working with our healthcare partners to identify priority projects to support. We are committed to reporting back to ensure you know the collective impact your donations have on the care in our community.

Thank you for your support. I am pleased to share with you our most recent Impact Report, highlighting some of the many ways donations are at work, ensuring the best possible care, right here, close to home.

Bill Anglin
President, Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation
Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors, working closely with staff, manage the funds entrusted by you.
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We are grateful for you, our donors

Over the past year:

3,114 gifts were made to the Foundation.

8 gifts of securities were received.



4 members of our community gave bequests through their estates.

73 pumpkins carved with love for seniors in long-term care, Community Healthcare Services and the Comox Valley Hospital.



443 donors have been giving to healthcare for over 10 years.

104 members of our community made monthly donations.

Thank you so much for your donation of funds to help our palliative population in the Comox Valley. One of the ways your donations have helped: we had a fellow who required blood transfusions in order to have any quality of life. He knew it was a short window of time that these transfusions would help him, but he wanted to live a few more weeks. Getting to the hospital was very challenging for him. His energy was quite low and they were on a limited income. With your donation we were able to provide taxi chits for him to and from the hospital. They were so appreciative! Thank you!

Necia Kaechele, RN, MN
Palliative Care Coordinator

This past year at Our Hospital:

- 463 babies were born.
- 4,710 MRIs and 14,075 CTs were taken.
- 35,003 Emergency Department visits.
- 8,857 surgeries were performed.
- Of the surgeries, 230 hip replacements, 308 knee replacements and 3,598 cataract surgeries.

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

Donations over the past year have funded equipment and training in departments across our hospital, in our community, and in long-term care. Highlights include:

Almost 200 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.

I-Stat Portable Blood Analyzer for the Hornby Island Clinic for rapid testing of a person's blood for a faster diagnosis leading to accelerated decision making about the best treatment and care. This faster response time is critical for cardiac patients.



Mental Health training for Emergency Department staff in areas such as suicide response, trauma informed practice, addictions and withdrawal management to continually enhance their ability to deliver the best, most compassionate care possible.

A mama roo swing for maternity to calm infants for healthy sleep, especially for newborns who experience withdrawal if they had exposure to medications or substances in utero.

An **Omniceil** located in the trauma room in Emergency. This computerized drug storage device dispenses medication, helping ensure the right medication for the right patient at the right time.

Every day over 10 patients, 6 years of age and older, receive testing on the **Cardio Pulmonary Function Chamber** to diagnose and treat lung diseases.

An **Electric Stretcher in the Wellness Clinic** for administering medication for bladder cancers and completing biopsies to inform treatment plans.

Code Blue Training to ensure fast, coordinated staff response time to cardiac arrests anywhere in the hospital.

A **digital camera** for nurses to take a photo for families who have experienced a perinatal loss. A group of professional photographers, as volunteers, touch up these digital photos for parents to have of their loved one.

Adult Resusci Anne manikin used monthly for code blue simulation training throughout the hospital to ensure fast, effective response times.

93 donations were made to create a **Mental Health and Substance Use Services Fund** to support initiatives for people living with substance use and which are led by peers with lived/living experience.

A 2nd **LUCAS Compression System** located in the ICU. This device compresses the heart during cardiac arrest to keep blood circulating while the critical care team work on all other care needs of the patient.

Funded **Transformation of Care Training** for staff, physicians and volunteers at The Views to prepare for the new building and the specialized model of care that will be provided when it opens in three years.

An in memorial gift funded the purchase of **weekly flowers for each of the hospice rooms.**

"We are most grateful to donors to the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation for your support of staff education. The purchase of key educational items is instrumental in the ongoing delivery of quality patient care."

Shelagh Kantor, RN, HBScN, MN, ENC(C)
Clinical Nurse Educator, Med/Surg

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

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