



Good afternoon,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend and enjoy reading this current edition of our e-newsletter, highlighting the ways donations are supporting care and a few opportunities for further involvement in the Foundation.

We will soon be sending you our current Impact Report highlighting projects that have been funded over the past year because of your support of healthcare through the Foundation. We are grateful for the cumulative impact that donations, grants and bequests continue to have on local healthcare and, alongside the work of our healthcare teams in hospital, community and long-term care, greatly further our shared goal to provide the best possible care for our community. Thank you!

A critical part of the Foundation's ability to positively impact healthcare, is the incredible leadership, commitment and diligence of our volunteer Board of Directors. This caring group of community members ensure the Foundation is aligned closely with our healthcare partners, that each gift is managed effectively and directed as intended by our donors. I am excited to share that the Board is currently seeking applications for new members. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to further your involvement in the Foundation, and we welcome your help in sharing this information with your network.

Sincerely,

*Jess*

Executive Director

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## Seeking Board Members

The Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation Board is seeking new members and invites letters of interest to join them in serving on the board.

This is a meaningful opportunity to have a significant impact on healthcare in the Comox Valley, to work with a motivated team, and to bring your insights and leadership to help others. **Please submit your letter of interest by March 15th to [info@cvhealthcarefoundation.com](mailto:info@cvhealthcarefoundation.com).**



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## Rehabilitation Lower Limb Amputation Training

The generosity of our community recently supported training for members of the Comox Valley Hospital Rehab Department to enhance their ability to support members of our community who have had a lower limb amputation. This education opportunity focused on rehabilitation practices for post-operative care, preparing for prosthetics, prosthetic training as well as prosthetic components and types.

Through this training, 35 physiotherapists, occupational therapists and rehabilitation assistants from the Comox Valley Hospital were able to build upon their expertise to ensure the most enhanced service and care is delivered to inpatients, outpatients and the, soon to open, Low Intensity

Rehabilitation Unit on the 4th Floor of the Hospital.

In expressing their gratitude for the training, Rehab team members shared:

*It is so valuable to have these multidiscipline learning opportunities in house. The course provided me with an excellent overview of recent and timely amputation information, including prosthesis developments. I have practiced almost 20 years and came away with a wealth of new and practical exercise and treatment options, as well as updated information on Prosthetic Don/Doff techniques and care.*

*It was very rewarding to be able to implement new skills, education and exercise protocols within a few days after the course while working with an amputee in our outpatient department. The client highly regarded the collaboration with his prosthetic team and how it*

enhanced his chances of being physically ready for transitioning to prosthesis fitting and training sooner than expected.

Together, with your help, we continue to provide the best care for the people of our community, right here at home.

## Comox Valley Community Foundation Supports the Transition Suites Food Program

Ensuring the highest level of care for members of our community is vital and the generosity of the Comox Valley Community Foundation is furthering this objective.

The Transition Suites at the Washington Apartments are an important service offered by Island Health's Community Health Services that provide short-term 24-hour care at a long-term care level for patients not needing to stay in hospital, but can't safely return home while waiting to move into long-term care. The eight suites ensure patients receive the best care in a safe, comfortable place to ensure a smooth transition.

Through the generous funding of the Community Foundation, community members staying at the Transition Suites will be provided nutritious meals that will support their health and continued care. Our most sincere gratitude to the Comox Valley Community Foundation for their continued support of healthcare and the overall well-being of our community.



## New Ultrasound for the Emergency Department

Through the generosity of donors, the Emergency Department at the Comox Valley Hospital recently received a new portable bedside Ultrasound Unit. This vital equipment allows department teams to diagnose life-threatening concerns, at the bedside when transportation to medical imaging is dangerous or not possible.

Our team is grateful for this technology that enhances the care for patients at our hospital, and to the donors that made this purchase possible.

Thank you!

## Golf in Support of Healthcare on June 23rd

Mark your calendars! We are excited to announce the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation Annual Golf Classic, presented by RE/MAX Ocean Pacific Realty, will be held on June 23, 2023 at Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community.

Join us in our 31st year hosting a fantastic day of golf with fun contests, lunch, entertainment, prizes, an auction, and a delicious buffet dinner, all while supporting healthcare.

We will be sharing more details soon!

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