



We hope you are doing well through these warm weather days. We are excited to share this update on Foundation activities as well as an invitation to join us at our 31st Annual Golf Classic on June 23rd at Crown Isle (details below).

When I reached out in February, the Foundation Board was actively recruiting for new volunteers to join them. Our Foundation received an incredible response of such stellar people wanting to become involved in this capacity to support healthcare. Eight new members will be joining our Board at the next AGM and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the coming months.

Also, I am thrilled to report that we are on track to meet our goal of raising funds for a new echocardiogram at our hospital. We are grateful for all of the support for cardiac care.

Soon, we will be in touch by mail with a letter from Juvena, our Leader for Medical Imaging, highlighting this department's key role in cancer care and information about projects we are working on over the coming year. In this e-newsletter, I am pleased to share about a new Tissue Processor for the Hospital's Lab to support diagnosis of prostate, breast and skin cancer.

I hope you enjoy this update as part of our steadfast appreciation for your support of local healthcare through the Foundation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Jess*

Executive Director

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## Swing into Action!

On **Friday, June 23, 2023**, we will be hosting the **31st Annual Golf Classic** presented by **RE/MAX Ocean Pacific Realty** at Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community.

**We would love you to golf with us!**

Since the first golf tournament in the early nineties, we have raised nearly \$800,000 in support of local healthcare.

Your golf registration will include lunch, 18 holes of golf with a power cart, plus plenty of fun activities on the greens. Four hole-in-one contests will offer golfers the **chance to win \$10,000** thanks to the following prize

sponsors: Bryce Hansen Real Estate Group, Coastal Transportation & Storage, Central Builders Home Hardware, and Courtney & Anglin Real Estate Group.

Golf will be followed by a delicious buffet dinner and dessert. A silent and live auction with fantastic items will offer excitement and provide the opportunity for golfers to have an added impact on local healthcare.

**Please register by June 9.**

**Golf Registration**



**Providence Living at The Views**

Providence Living's rebuild of The Views long-term care home is on track to complete in the summer of 2024. This purpose-built space will support the delivery of a new model of care based on the following principles:

Emotional connections matter most.

Residents direct each moment.

Home is not a place, it's a feeling.

We are excited to be working with our community to help fund this new long-term care home. To learn more about the model of care, we hope you will enjoy the video we have created for you.

[Watch video to learn more!](#)



## E-Bikes for the Outreach Services Team

The Comox Valley's Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) team has a new Outreach Services Team (IHOST) who provide care and support to people living outside, experiencing mental health and substance use issues. The team is comprised of nurses, an occupational therapist, support workers, peers, and physicians who travel to where people are in our community, to deliver care. This mobile care team helps ensure vulnerable members



## Tissue Processor supporting Cancer Care

The Lab at the Comox Valley Hospital, runs over one million tests each year for both in-patient and out-patient care. Lab tests are a critical part of diagnosis, informing treatment and monitoring care. To better support our hospital lab's role in cancer care detection, the Foundation is raising funds for a Tissue Processor.

The Tissue Processor processes biopsy samples collected from physicians' offices and from the hospital's operating room. These tissues are then examined by the



of our community have access to care and better support.

Now, with gratitude to Trail Bicycles and Foundation contributors, the team has two e-bikes to support their important work with the unhoused community. The bikes, provided earlier this year, improve access to areas that are not accessible by vehicle and are equipped with special saddle bags to carry supplies.

“E-bikes enable our outreach team to access, and more effectively care for, some of the most vulnerable people in our community,” explains Chris Goble from MHSU.

*PHOTO (left to right): Chris Goble, Natasha, Megan, and Christa from IHOST with Nick and Jeff from Trail Bicycles.*

Pathologists for cancerous changes. Some of the most common tests would be skin biopsies, breast tissue samples, and prostates.

With this new equipment, there will be more accurate diagnosis which leads to more informed treatment plans and better care for our community.

We are grateful to have already received donations towards the Tissue Processor and are working to raise a total of \$105,000.

Every gift matters and the cumulative impact of donations will help support enhanced cancer care.

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