



Good afternoon,

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our e-newsletter, highlighting the most recent ways that support from our community is elevating care in our region.

Our 2023 Impact Report has been compiled and, while it is a look back at what we have achieved together, the report provides such optimism for the future of healthcare in the Comox Valley. The Foundation is grateful for the collective impact that donations, grants and bequests continue to have on healthcare. Your gifts are supporting those who deliver healthcare in hospital, community and long-term care, and further our shared goal to provide the best possible care for our loved ones. **We believe that is something remarkable to celebrate!** Most of you will receive the impact report by mail, please keep an eye out for it.

From all of us at the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation, thank you!

A new Technegas Generator has arrived!



We are excited to acknowledge the generous support from some very special and loyal donors for their recent contributions towards the purchase of the Technegas Generator and Delivery System with Easy Breathe Accessory Equipment for the Comox Valley Hospital. Both the **TB Vets Charitable Foundation** and **Mike and Marlene Horvath** – longtime supporters of our Healthcare Foundation – generously funded this vital machine.

Used in the Nuclear Medicine Department, this specialized equipment assesses airflow and lung function with 3-dimensional high-resolution imaging. Over the course of a year, Nuclear Medicine and Medical Imaging professionals will use this diagnostic tool to aid in diagnosis and treatment **to support care for hundreds of patients in our community.**

One of greatest benefits of having the Technegas Generator is that it provides higher sensitivity and specificity because of its 3D imaging capability which wasn't possible before. **This exposes the patient to lower radiation and reduces the breathing requirement when performing nuclear medicine lung exams.** Even patients with severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) can be examined because only a few breaths are required.

“The staff at the Comox Valley Hospital would like to sincerely thank the TB Vets Charitable Foundation for their grant and Mike and Marlene Horvath for their generous donation to purchase the Technegas Generator and Delivery System for our Hospital,” said **Amanda Jacoby, Comox Valley Hospital Site Director.** *“The accuracy of this model is superior with a better overall diagnostic performance over our hospital’s previous system. Providing the safest and highest level of care to all our patients is a priority at the Comox Valley Hospital.”*

Pictured with the Technegas Generator and Delivery System from left to right: Juvena Burns, Comox Valley Hospital Medical Imaging Lead and Alison Smith, Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

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A community member having a whale of a time!

We would like to express our appreciation to a talented community member, **Coral Dunn**, for donating stuffed whales, elephants, and emoji pillows that she has crafted by hand.

These adorable stuffed animals bring joy and comfort to children during their time at the hospital. This in turn helps healthcare professionals provide the care that is needed as children who receive a stuffie are more relaxed during the necessary procedures and treatment.

You may recognize Coral from the Courtenay Museum as she helps with cataloguing donations as a museum volunteer and also sells stuffed elasmosaurs, ammonites, dinosaur tails, and squids through their gift shop.



We are grateful to have Coral's generosity and creativity touching lives here at the hospital.



Hope Afloat has once again showered us with their generosity!

The unwavering commitment to local healthcare from The Comox Valley Dragon Boat Society, also known as Hope Afloat, continues to inspire.

For more than two decades, they have been paddling, fundraising, and championing support for healthcare with incredible dedication and community spirit.

Donations from their annual bottle drive have particularly impacted cancer care and palliative care at the hospital.

Formed in 2001, the Hope Afloat Canada dragon boat racing team is made up of hard-working, fun-loving women who have survived cancer. Their hope is to make a positive difference for women facing cancer, through sharing the message that *"there is life, love and laughter after treatment."*

Thank you, Hope Afloat, for 20 years of partnership, compassion, and making a difference in the lives of many.

Pictured above left to right: Avry Janes, Co-Executive Directive Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation (CVHF), Tara Snowdon, Hope Afloat, Rhonda Stevens Co-Executive Director CVHF and Carole Gammon, Hope Afloat.



Today is International Women's Day

With women representing over 80% of healthcare workers in our community, International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate their care, knowledge, and skill in looking after all of us.

The team at the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation is inspired to work alongside these exceptional people and to collaborate with donors who care so deeply about their loved ones and the care they receive.

The Foundation team is honored to be included in next week's **Trio Magazine** dedicated to International Women's Day and thrilled to celebrate recent advancements made to women's health through the

Golf in support of healthcare this June

We are excited to announce the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation Annual Golf Classic, presented by RE/MAX Ocean Pacific Realty, will be held on **Friday, June 21, 2024** at Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community.

Join us in our 32nd year hosting a fantastic day of golf with fun contests, lunch, entertainment, prizes, an auction, and a delicious buffet dinner, all while supporting healthcare.

Over the three decades of this tournament, nearly \$850,000 has been raised. Last year's funds contributing to advanced equipment for

Foundation.

Thank you to **Courtney & Anglin Real Estate Group** for sponsoring this feature, as well as for their many years of support of local healthcare.

the Medical Imaging Department at the hospital.

We will be sharing more information soon including sponsorship opportunities for businesses and registration details.
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