



Medical Imaging Department at the Comox Valley Hospital gather to thank Foundation donors.

The IMPACT Of Your SUPPORT



The Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation recognizes, acknowledges and appreciates that we are able to live, work and learn on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land. Acknowledging the principles of truth and reconciliation, we recognize and respect the history, languages and cultures of all Indigenous Peoples of Canada and are committed to continuing to learn how our organization can support a better way forward.

Equipment & Initiatives Fueled By You

Through your support, equipment, training and special projects have been funded in our hospital, in our community, and in long-term care. Some of the ways donations are enhancing care include:



WOUND SIMULATION MODEL





2,000+ STUFFIES

and toys donated to children receiving care at the hospital.



111 STOCKINGS

delivered to Cumberland Lodge, Glacier View Lodge, Community Healthcare Services and to the hospital.



2,000 TOKENS

of gratitude delivered to healthcare staff.

Message from the Board President

Your generosity has made a remarkable impact on shaping the way care is delivered in our community. Every day, your steadfast support inspires our healthcare teams to pursue excellence in delivering the highest quality healthcare for the Comox Valley. Believing in and achieving this goal would not be possible without your consistent support and generosity.

We extend our gratitude for your partnership, leadership, and, above all, your compassion for the thousands of local individuals cared for in our hospital, long-term care homes, and within the community. Your support ensures medical professionals have what is needed to provide the best possible care, right here, close to home.

Expressing our gratitude with the words **THANK YOU** does not convey the profound value we place on your continued support. Your gifts have elevated healthcare in the Comox Valley, and this annual impact report highlights some of the tangible outcomes of your generosity and serves as a testament to the positive change we can achieve together. Ultimately, this report is a tribute to you, our esteemed donors.



Bill Anglin,

President Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation

Board of Directors

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Did you know? In 2023 there were:



3,019 DONATIONS

from individuals and organizations.



124 INDIVIDUALS

who made monthly donations to local healthcare.



\$93K IN GIFTS OF SECURITIES

provided to the Foundation, a significant increase year-over-year.

Seeing is believing! Because of you, we reached our goal of \$500,000 for Medical Imaging.

Equipment that you funded has arrived at Comox Valley Hospital and is already in use, with additional items set to arrive in 2024.

TECHNEGAS GENERATOR

equipment used to diagnose pulmonary embolus and other lung pathology. The new equipment provides improved imaging and diagnostic accuracy, with a lower patient radiation dose and increased patient comfort (*right*).

DOSE CALIBRATOR

a device used in nuclear medicine to ensure that the dose delivered is what is intended.





CARDIAC SOFTWARE

advanced software that enables faster and more detailed MRI scans of the heart.

BREAST MRI SOFTWARE

software used to detect breast cancer and other abnormalities of the breast using a computer to create and manipulate detailed high resolution images.



BREAST IMAGING BIOPSY UNIT

using mammographic guidance, removes samples of breast tissue for testing and examination for disease, infection, inflammation or malignancy enabling precise diagnosis (*above*).



6,500 SURGICAL PROCEDURES

at the hospital.



49,000 HOME VISITS

in the community.



315 RESIDENTS

supported at our three non-profit long-term care homes.



It is a true privilege and with immense gratitude that we share with you the beautiful story of Hans & Helga.



Hans and Helga met and fell in love 17 years ago. Over these years, they enjoyed an adventurous lifestyle of sailing, diving, cruising and exploring the world together. In 2022, they decided to move to the Comox Valley to be closer to their family, excited to create wonderful memories in their new home at Oceanfront Village.

Shortly after relocating to the Comox Valley, Hans was faced with health challenges. Helga witnessed firsthand the exceptional healthcare provided at the Comox Valley Hospital (CVH). The remarkable care and compassion began the moment Hans arrived at the CVH Emergency Department and continued throughout his multiple weeks on the third floor of the hospital. Positive interactions with the entire medical team helped Hans and Helga feel connected and well-supported in their new community.

Hans and Helga, who originally planned to leave their estate to charities in their former community, were inspired by the care they received at CVH. They decided to support healthcare in their new community, in recognition of its impact on Hans' life. Having the opportunity to support leading edge and innovative healthcare similar

to what Hans received was something they were both eager to do.

Sadly, Hans' health took a turn, and on August 30th, 2023, he passed away peacefully. In honour of their discussions and intent, Helga reached out to the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation.

Learning of the immediate needs of the Medical Imaging Department at the Comox Valley Hospital, Helga was inspired to direct a gift this way. She had seen the importance of this equipment throughout Hans' care having visited the department many times. It felt like the perfect way to help and to honour Hans.

> Helga chose to make a transformative gift towards Medical Imaging, honouring Hans and starting their legacy of support through the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation.

Big and small, every gift is collectively impacting our community to ensure we receive great care, close to home.

Some of the ways you gave in 2023 include:

- Transferring stocks and shares
- Providing tribute gifts to celebrate a life or honour an individual
- Dedicating funds to local healthcare through your estate
- Committing to automatic monthly donations
- Participating in our golf event and in community-led fundraisers
- Giving goods and services also known as in-kind gifts
- Providing sponsorship through your business

Together, we continue to unite toward the common goal of enhancing quality healthcare in our community. Through investing in each other, you continue to bring leading-edge medical technology, advanced training and innovation to our hospital, long-term care homes and to community healthcare services. We are humbled by your generosity and your commitment to helping one another. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for continuing to believe in our cause and for making a positive impact.

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