

Their Dedication. Your Impact.



VICTORIA HOSPITALS
FOUNDATION



We Raise Our Hands

We acknowledge and raise our hands to the ɫəkʷəŋən People, also known as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, whose stewardship and relationship with this land continues to this day. We recognize that our office and the three hospitals we serve—Royal Jubilee (RJH), Victoria General (VGH), and Gorge Road (GRH)—are situated within this territory.

We are humbled to call Vancouver Island home and acknowledge the beauty that surrounds us. We recognize that many of our staff, patients, caregivers, and donors live and thrive on these lands. We encourage our community to continue to foster their relationship with the land we work, play, and enable care on.

As a team, we continue to learn, grow, and be curious about the past, present, and future. It is with humility that we nurture generosity and philanthropy through our work and learnings on these lands.



Our Vision:

Exceptional care through inspired giving

Our Mission:

To champion a culture of philanthropy that transforms healthcare on the Island

A Message From Inside Our Hospitals



It has not been easy in our hospitals—we can all appreciate that. Every day, in every department, new challenges arise. Know that we rise with them; our patients come first, and so many times I witness care

team members going the extra mile, taking the extra shift, or staying the extra hour to ensure our patients receive the best care possible—even, and especially in hard times. **I feel so fortunate to work alongside so many extraordinary colleagues who put our community first.**

You help us rise, too. As donors, you recognize us, and you empower us.

I often think how fortunate we are that Canadians value healthcare in a special way—and even more so that when times get tough, you and fellow donors choose to lift up the system. Thank you for caring

about local healthcare—through your giving, you make the care we provide, and the care our patients receive, truly better.

At the end of the day, philanthropy is everything. It makes our work possible. Thank you to each of you for the part you play: whether you make a monthly donation, knit tiny hats for newborns in the NICU, participate in galas that raise more and more each year, give at one of the till campaigns in local stores, or donate what you can, however you can, thank you. When you choose the Victoria Hospitals Foundation, you choose us too.

Dr. Chris Hall

Emergency Physician, RJH and VGH; Executive Medical Director, Quality, Safety, Improvement and Experience; Executive Medical Director, Departments of Medicine and Emergency Medicine; and Executive Medical Director of Research, Island Health

→ Learn more about Dr. Hall:
victoriahf.ca/drhall-hf

Royal Jubilee Hospital

FROM THE COVER

Island Health staff and care team members (left to right): **Darryl Holden**, Core Lab Coordinator; **Shaun Snyder**, Respiratory Therapist; **Alison Glasbergen**, Licensed Practical Nurse and co-creator of Self Care Café; **Devon Britz**, Clinical Nurse Leader; **Parvita Taylor**, Biomedical Technologist; **Katie Nickerson**, Volunteer; **Dr. Omar Ahmad**, Critical Care; **Jazmin Prest**, Occupational Therapist, Restorative Health; **Debbie Tschopp**, Biomedical Engineering Supervisor; **Michael Politano-Bowles**, Spiritual Health Practitioner; **Riley Kirkpatrick**, Registered Nurse; **Kate Phillips**, Registered Nurse and new grad; **Joanne Paul**, Clinical Nurse Educator; **Dr. Brian McArdle**, General Internal Medicine; **Ethan Howes**, Licensed Practical Nurse and new grad; **Daniel Dolores**, Housekeeper; **Wilson Louie**, Chief Laboratory Technologist; **Sarah Lawson**, Clinical Nurse Leader



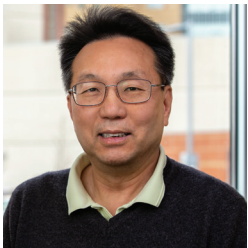
World-class Hospitals Have the Strongest Philanthropy



At the Victoria Hospitals Foundation, it is our mission to connect your generosity with our talented and dedicated hospital care teams. Royal Jubilee, Victoria General, and Gorge Road hospitals are stronger because of your donations to fund equipment, research, education, and special projects.

As we look back at our fiscal 2022-23 year, we reflect on a year of great uncertainty, amplified by an ever-changing economic landscape and growing pressures on our healthcare system. We remember, most of all, that our care teams and the patients they serve continue to overcome so much in the face of adversity—and your support continues to empower them to rise.

In fiscal 2022-23, you truly helped our caregivers, patients, and improved the health of our community. Your donations totalling **\$12.9 million** supported the largest disbursement to Island Health in our Foundation's history.



A profound thank-you goes out to **all 5,200 of you** who trusted in our cause, championed the expertise of our care teams, and made a true difference. While we may not be able to solve every challenge in healthcare, with your continued support, there is so much good we can do.

As we embark on the year ahead, we will continue to bring the value of philanthropy to healthcare in our Victoria hospitals, which serve as referral centres and benefit all 860,000+ Vancouver Islanders. Thank you for making a profound impact.

Avery Brohman
Chief Executive Officer,
Victoria Hospitals Foundation

Donnie Wing
Board Chair,
Victoria Hospitals Foundation

DID YOU KNOW?

You support over 8,400 hospital staff at RJH, VGH, and GRH through your donations.

Victoria General Hospital



Gorge Road Hospital





Meet The People You Have Helped

Thank You For Helping Our Hospitals Emerge Stronger

Emerge Stronger was launched in 2021 to support our local hospitals as they navigated the aftermath of the pandemic, and was completed in May 2023. The campaign spanned 18 months, including the entire 2022-23 fiscal year.

In just a year and a half, you joined over 5,800 donors to help fund more than 200 pieces of priority equipment, innovative research, education, and special projects.

Together, you helped our hospitals adapt to evolving changes, supported our talented care teams, enabled more patients to access specialized care close to home, and fueled our researchers as they innovated towards a brighter, healthier future.

Today, thanks to you, a patient like Toni is undergoing sight-saving retinal laser surgery with more comfort and efficiency because of the new Retinal Laser you helped fund. Someone like Murray is undergoing neurosurgery on Vancouver Island and can recover close to their home and loved ones, rather than receiving care on the Mainland. And, someone like Dr. Kelly can continue to provide the best possible care.



“You can’t wait—you need eye surgery right now.” Toni’s vision was at serious risk of permanent damage and time was critical.

Every week, Dr. Erasmus and his colleagues perform 20-25 laser treatments on Vancouver Island patients. Donors to the Emerge Stronger campaign helped fund a new Retinal Laser. This state-of-the-art machine not only improves patient comfort and efficiency, it allows the team to have a back-up, ensuring thousands of Islanders can get the treatment they need, when they need it.

→ Read how Toni’s eyesight was saved: victoriahf.ca/tonis-story



“Without this surgery, it would be a dreary existence,” says Murray.

Murray’s back was deteriorating. With the help of an O-Arm imaging system, Dr. Reid performed a lumbar spine decompression and fusion surgery on Murray at Victoria General Hospital, the referral centre for neurosurgery on Vancouver Island. The O-Arm was funded through the Emerge Stronger campaign—thanks to you.

→ Read Murray’s care journey: victoriahf.ca/murrays-story



“As care providers, we have a drive and an obligation to ensure that all our patients receive the best possible care. It takes the right expertise, dedication, and equipment to do that. Donors help us with the latter—and it makes all the difference.”

—Dr. Jill Kelly, Medical Lead, Emergency at Royal Jubilee Hospital

→ Learn about the impact of your giving: victoriahf.ca/stronger



The Return of In-Person Events

This year, we returned to in-person gatherings and events in full force—and we did so for our care teams who deserve to be celebrated and thanked for their commitment over the challenging pandemic years. Thanks to the support of sponsors, local businesses, and volunteers, these two galas supported *Emerge Stronger* with record-breaking success:



Visions Gala: 30th Anniversary

The 30th anniversary of our signature gala was a night to celebrate and elevate our hospitals. **You raised \$1.58 million** that evening to help fund a new **Automated Chemistry Line**—an innovative piece of equipment that is now in the process of being operationalized at Royal Jubilee Hospital through staff training and calibration. At the time that this report is being written, our care teams are eagerly awaiting the complete replacement of this equipment.

The existing Chemistry Line at Royal Jubilee Hospital is over 20 years old, and is the most-used piece of equipment within Island Health. It is responsible for testing patient samples. Nearly every patient who is admitted to our hospitals relies on this equipment.

Thank you to all of our *Visions* sponsors, including: Amica Senior Lifestyles, BC Lottery Corporation, Brown Bros, Chard Developments, Coast Capital, Cook Roberts LLP, Heart Wealth Management Group, Island Savings, Oracle Cerner, RBC Royal Bank, TD Wealth, Thrifty Foods, and Trillium Communities.



The current Chemistry Line can perform **1,000 tests per day**, whereas the new Automated Chemistry Line can perform **over 1,200 tests per hour**. It allows for an increased capacity of 400%, and can report on samples 40% faster for our most critical patients.



Miracle on the Mountain Gala: Inaugural Event

In May 2022, you united on the West Shore and raised **\$430,000** to help purchase an **O-Arm imaging system** for Victoria General Hospital—the same one used on Murray—and other priority needs identified through *Emerge Stronger*.

An O-Arm provides precise, real-time imaging for surgeons operating on patients undergoing spinal, cranial, or neurological trauma-related surgery.



The O-Arm imaging system benefits up to 50 neurosurgery patients every month from across Vancouver Island.

Campaign Highlights

\$10 MILLION

RAISED IN 18 MONTHS
(INCLUDING THE ENTIRE 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR)



5,800+
GENEROUS
DONORS UNITED



200+
EQUIPMENT PIECES
FUNDED



11
RESEARCH PROJECTS
FUNDED



3
ISLAND HOSPITALS
SUPPORTED

Your Care Teams

Caring for Our Care Teams

In all we do, we think of our care teams. They keep our communities healthy, dedicating so much of themselves to their profession and the patients they serve.

Recognition efforts for our care teams are a vital pillar of our recent work. Thanks to your generosity, the Foundation **spent over \$93,000 for care worker recognition** in 2022-23. These are just a few of the ways in which your giving brought smiles to the faces of our care teams:



Meals & Treats

Over 2,300 care team members were treated to a fall recognition lunch at all three of our hospital sites.



Self Care Café

You supported the caregiver-led Self Care Café at Royal Jubilee Hospital, a safe space for hospital staff to nurture a community of caring for themselves and each other.



Comfortable Breaks

14 comfortable recliners were purchased for staff rooms, including the ICU and Emergency Departments at Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals.

Humans First

#humansfirst

Our caregivers are humans first, who put other humans first. #HumansFirst is a social media initiative we launched last year, devoted to sharing stories from behind our hospitals' frontlines. These stories remind us that those who dedicate so much of their time inside our hospitals also have lives outside of them. **Like all of us, they are human, and they have a story to tell.** Below is just one excerpt of 14 stories that we told this year.





“I was inspired to go into nursing by my family. We’re very tight-knit. My parents moved here from the Philippines back when they were teenagers. My brother and I were the first generation born and raised in Canada, and we were born in Victoria. My mom has been a care-aide for 25 years, and I’ve heard lots of stories from her—just how close she gets with her patients. It inspired me.

You come into this profession wanting to do your best and wanting to help people heal and recover. You listen a lot, too. Being with a patient when they’re really vulnerable, I think that’s something a lot of people can take for granted. It feels nice to be the one who’s there for someone when they’re in such a critical moment.”

CJ
Registered Nurse, Victoria General Hospital

→ Read CJ’s full story:
victoriahf.ca/cj

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to read more #HumansFirst stories:

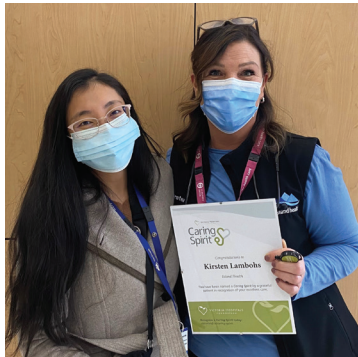
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Honouring Your Caring Spirits

Whether you have a life-saving operation or just a few stitches, a caregiver's kindness and care make all the difference. The *Caring Spirit* program gives patients and family members the opportunity to recognize a healthcare worker (or hospital unit) who went the extra mile and make a donation in their name towards priority medical equipment.

In 2022-23, **112 Caring Spirit gifts** were made to celebrate our hospital teams, with donations totalling over \$102,000. These gifts recognized 123 individuals and 39 units.



“When I care for my patients and their families, I always remind myself that this is their health journey, not ours, and it is important that we meet them where they are at. I am grateful everyday that I have a job I love. **Even on the really hard days, I can't imagine being anywhere else.** In the end, both in our work and personal lives, all that really matters is love and human connection.”

—*Kirsten Lambohs, Licensed Practical Nurse at Royal Jubilee Hospital (pictured right with Lindsay Brookes, who recognized Kirsten in honour of the care she provided for Lindsay's mother)*

Have you received excellent care inside one of our three Victoria hospitals? You can recognize an individual or an entire care team with a *Caring Spirit* Award.

→ Submit a nomination: victoriahf.ca/caringspirit

Caring Spirit



Care Teams that Give, and Give Again

Our caregivers support our hospitals in many ways—through their care, but also through donations and financial support. In 2022-23, **9,069 Island Health employees contributed \$1.378 million** to their hospital sites through the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's PayDay Lotto program. This group of generous people have funded a variety of equipment including vital signs monitors, infusion pumps, a portable X-ray, ultrasounds, and syringe pumps.

A recent PayDay Lotto winner, Jo Wilson, is pictured right.



THEIR IMPACT

Our caregivers' contributions helped fund 26 pieces of equipment across hospital sites on the Island.



Your Hospitals



Royal Jubilee Hospital

Vancouver Island's referral site for burn, cancer, cardiac, mental health, renal, respiratory, and vascular care.

150K+ patients in 2022-23 **#2** Hospital in BC (Newsweek 2023)



Victoria General Hospital

Vancouver Island's referral site for trauma, neuroscience, stroke, pediatric, and maternity care.

139K+ patients in 2022-23 **#4** Hospital in BC (Newsweek 2023)



Gorge Road Hospital

Home to 108 long-term care residents. It also has 70 inpatient restorative health beds, administrative and support programs, and the Gorge Urgent and Primary Care Centre.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 860,000 Vancouver Islanders depend on RJH and VGH as their referral centres.

Your Care Stories



Frank Smith Sr., Alert Bay

"I will never forget the care I received, and especially the moral support from the care teams. I am grateful to be alive. Looking back on three years, I have come so far. I have great support at home and enjoy being back to work and spending time with my grandson and family. I am just so grateful."

→ Read Frank's story:
victoriahf.ca/franks-story



Garry Griffin, Campbell River

"I recently received open repair surgery for an Abdominal Aneurysm of the Aorta from the team at Royal Jubilee Hospital. From the admissions team to the nursing students, every care member was so helpful, calming me down and even holding my hand offering assurance. After a little over a week, I was able to return to my home in Campbell River, feeling very thankful for my treatment. I was honoured to make a *Caring Spirit* donation to express my gratitude for the staff in pre-surgery, recovery, and on 7N at the Royal Jubilee Hospital."

Connie Paul, Nanaimo

"Last winter, my grandson was diagnosed with croup, intubated and medivaced to Victoria. I can't possibly thank the care teams enough for saving the life of my grandson. I truly felt that Victoria General Hospital was in our canoe. The parents being the skipper and all the staff worked together as one mind, one heart and one spirit. Huy ch qu'a."





Dr. Kerry Mason, Victoria

“As an Art Historian, I have supported the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and our hospitals by facilitating the donation of works of art. I appraise the works that are gifted to VHF for auction at its galas, and locate potential donations. I have been pleased to volunteer my time and expertise to this important cause over the years. More recently, I have experienced as a patient how wonderful the care teams are in the ICU, and how much support is required for the patient floors at Royal Jubilee Hospital. It is wonderful to have these great facilities in Victoria to care for us when we need them.”

Gordon Bergstrom, Victoria

“I have lived in Victoria my whole life and was born at St. Joseph’s hospital. I am currently receiving dialysis three times a week at Royal Jubilee Hospital and am recuperating from a recent injury. The hospitals have always helped me and my family when we have needed it. Every week I am reminded of how much I appreciate all the nurses and care aides who help make me as comfortable as possible, through these trying times. I know how important our hospitals are, which is why I have left a gift to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation in my will.”



Constable Damian Pellew, Victoria

Through donor support, our hospitals are strengthened in every area of care, benefitting all types of patients. Below is the story of just one of the many patients donors impact.

On June 28, 2022, I was working in Victoria, operating on the Tactical Unit for the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team, when I responded to a bank robbery and hostage-taking incident here in Saanich.

When I arrived at the scene, two armed suspects confronted my fellow police officers and me with semi-automatic rifles, and a gun battle ensued. I was struck by two bullets—one striking and shattering my upper femur, while another ripped through my abdomen. I immediately thought of my two kids, Eli and Ella, who are ten and eight years old. I couldn’t believe I had been shot. I didn’t know if I was going to survive, and I worried about what would happen to my kids if I didn’t.

I was stabilized for transport to Victoria General Hospital, where I spent a week and a half in a medically-induced coma while surgeons worked to save my life. I required vascular reconstruction and a metal rod inserted into my femur for stabilization. I also had a partial gastrectomy in which part of my stomach was removed as a result of the bullet that tore through my stomach and liver. When I woke up, I immediately thought of my kids. I just wanted to see them.

I spent the next eight weeks in the trauma unit at VGH, recovering and receiving a high level of care. **I was in the hospital for 71 days. I really can’t speak highly enough of my care team. They were all so invested in my recovery and encouraged me through every challenge.** I am so thankful for the amazing care I received by my heroes at the hospital that worked so many hours to save my life and provide such incredible care towards my recovery.

Today, my life involves full-time rehab with physio, RMT, and chiropractor as I work toward my goal of getting strong and fit to return to living life to its fullest—and to return to active duty with the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team.

Before this incident, I had no idea the Victoria Hospitals Foundation existed. As I look back on what happened more than a year ago, I take a moment to acknowledge the excellent care teams we have in Victoria—and you, the donors who support them. This community means so much to me, now more than ever.

From the Treasurer

The Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to the 5,200 of you—loyal and new donors alike—who made the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 an extraordinary success. Your unwavering support for our hospitals, care teams, and patients—your community as a whole, in fact—has made an immeasurable impact. Thank you.

Notably, our disbursements to Island Health and care worker recognition spend totalled \$10.9 million—our largest to date—which supported equipment, research, special projects, education, and celebrated caregivers. Prudently stewarding your gifts is of utmost importance to us; know your impact will resonate throughout the three hospitals we serve for generations to come, and especially during these challenging times for the economy and healthcare.

As we look to the future, the needs of our hospitals are vast. We have made a bold commitment and promise to Island Health to partner on major advancements in innovation, capacity expansion, and priority equipment upgrades. We look forward to sharing and catalyzing these new projects with you, and we count on your steadfast support—and the support of the community—to join us on our journey.

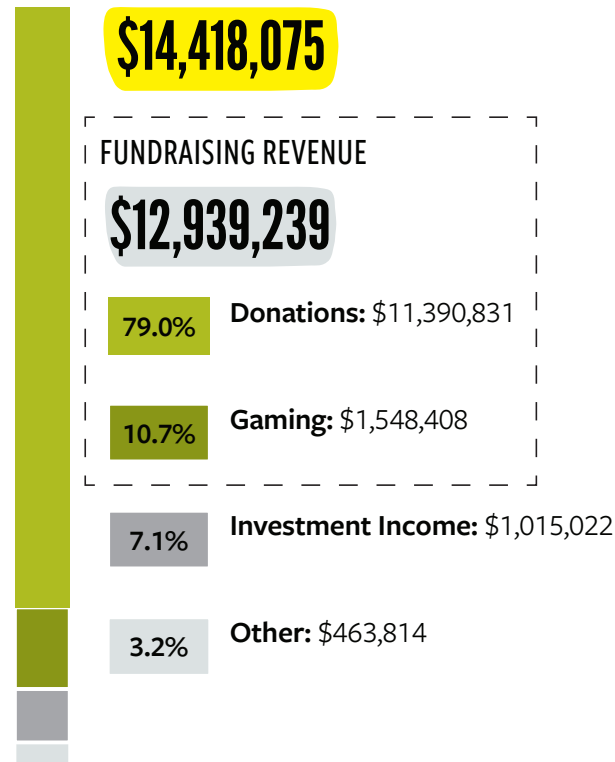
With sincere gratitude,



P. Ian Wong BComm CPA, CMA
Treasurer, Board of Directors,
Victoria Hospitals Foundation

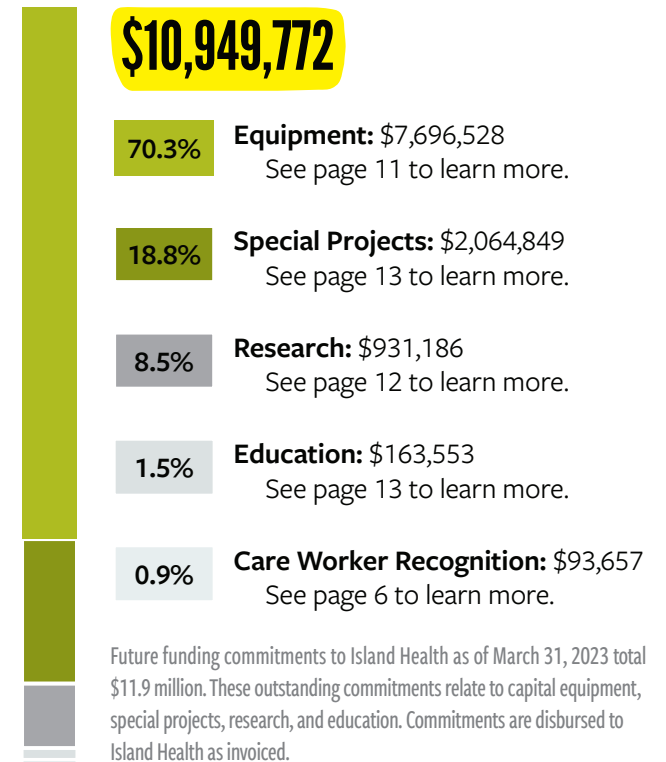
Financial Highlights of Fiscal Year 2022-23

EARNED REVENUE



OTHER EXPENSES \$3,579,813

DISBURSEMENTS TO ISLAND HEALTH & CARE WORKER RECOGNITION



COST OF FUNDRAISING RATIO 12%
As defined by CRA and averaged over three years
(CRA guidance is to remain under 35%)

The financial highlights on this page are based on the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's audited financial statements for our fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. The Foundation's statements are audited by KPMG LLP Chartered Professional Accountants. Full financial statements are available online at victoriahf.ca/accountability by October 31, 2023.

Your Impact



Equipment

In 2022-23, you helped us disburse over \$7.6 million (70.3% of total disbursements to Island Health) to fund priority capital equipment. You created change by funding **312 pieces of equipment** such as:



10 new beds added to the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) at RJH.

YOUR IMPACT: More comfort and safety for the 700+ Island patients treated in the CCU every year.



30 patient beds, two specialized bariatric beds, and seven patient lifts at Gorge Road Hospital.

YOUR IMPACT: Increased capacity and safety, faster admission times, and enhanced specialized care.



A jet ventilator, a first for Vancouver Island.

YOUR IMPACT: More children can stay on the Island to receive care with this new specialized ventilator. About 200 NICU patients will use this equipment annually.



Two pediatric cardiology ultrasounds for VGH.

YOUR IMPACT: Better support for the Pediatric Cardiology Clinic, which performs 1,800 ultrasounds annually, and sees over 2,000 clinic visits for Island children.



Five new cystoscopes for RJH.

YOUR IMPACT: Better and more efficient care for the Cystoscopy Clinic, which performs over 5,000 procedures annually. This clinic sees over 125 patients per week. Additional scopes allow the clinic to see at least 30 more patients per week, helping to reduce waitlist times by up to four weeks.



YOUR IMPACT

You supported the funding of equipment that helped administer over 3.14 million scans, tests, and procedures.

Equipment Disbursements

\$7.6M+
DISBURSED

You supported patients in all care units, including over \$4.9 million in our three largest disbursement areas this year:

\$1.8M+
DIAGNOSTICS AND PHARMACY

\$1.8M+
SURGICAL SERVICES

\$1.3M+
CARDIAC CARE

DID YOU KNOW?

40% of equipment at RJH and VGH is funded by you—our donor family!



CCU Beds

Jet Ventilator

Pediatric Cardiac Ultrasound

Your Impact



Research

In 2022-23, you helped us disburse over \$931,000 (8.5% of total disbursements to Island Health) to fund 15 research projects supporting 19 researchers. Examples include:



Celebrating its seventh year, the **Neil and Susan Manning Cognitive Health Initiative** has taken ground-breaking strides to improve regional dementia care.

YOUR IMPACT: Bringing patients and families tailored treatment plans and improved outcomes by reducing referral times to specialist care, adopting new diagnostic tools, and increasing access to clinical trials and research studies.



The **Code Hack**, hosted by Island Health's Innovation Lab was partly funded by you!

YOUR IMPACT: 100 participants were tasked with coming up with creative solutions to healthcare challenges in 24 hours. The winning idea: an innovative bedside commode that improves accessibility, mobility, and dignity for patients.



We hosted **Health xChange**, in partnership with Michael Smith Health Research of BC and Island Health.

YOUR IMPACT: You supported researchers, research user partners, health system decision-makers, and community members as they shared ideas and presentations focused on innovative healthcare research projects.



Five **catalysts grants** were awarded to 10 researchers as part of the *Innovation* phase of *Emerge Stronger*.

YOUR IMPACT: You fuelled transformational projects, including:

Cryoneurolysis for Spasticity

Spasticity (muscle stiffness) is usually caused by damage to nerve pathways within the brain or spinal cord, affecting hundreds of thousands of Canadians with neurological disorders including stroke, cerebral palsy, brain injury, and multiple sclerosis.

Award-winning local physician and researcher Dr. Paul Winston has developed an inexpensive way to relieve pain for spasticity patients while dramatically improving limb movement. The novel treatment is called cryoneurotomy, and it's the first of its kind.

Accelerating Treatment for Pneumonia Patients

Dr. Michael Chen and Dr. David Goodlett are developing a way to speed up the time it takes to identify respiratory pathogens (bacteria or fungi) in pneumonia patients from the current 72 hours to just one hour.

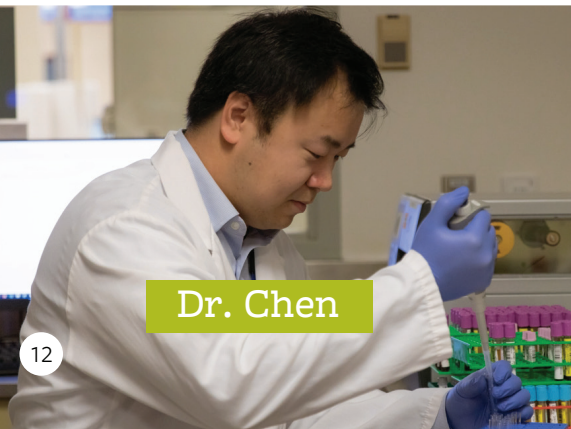
This project has the potential to accelerate treatment for critically ill patients, improve survival rates for those in urgent situations, reduce length of hospital stays, and fast-track treatment plans.



YOUR IMPACT

You can read about the impact of these catalyst grant projects and hear from the researchers themselves on our website.

→ Learn more: victoriahf.ca/innovation



Dr. Chen



Dr. Winston and Team



Code Hack Winners

Special Projects



In 2022-23, you helped us disburse over \$2 million for special projects (18.8% of total disbursements to Island Health). Your philanthropy has benefited many strategic investments, like capital projects that expanded space and resources for Island patients.



YOUR IMPACT

You helped expand critical care resources, enable social opportunities for critical patients with similar care journeys, fund educational videos, and create a therapeutic space for the Mental Health Sub-Acute Unit.

Education



In 2022-23, you helped us disburse over \$163,000 (1.5% of total disbursements to Island Health) to fund educational opportunities for care workers. Your support leads to better patient care, stronger collaboration amongst our care teams, and leading-edge approaches to diagnosis and treatment.

Some of the scholarship and grant opportunities that supported education this year:

Helen Saunders Scholarship

72 Island Health employee recipients

Helen Saunders was a devoted and caring nurse who worked around the world and made a lasting impact at Royal Jubilee Hospital. This scholarship is dedicated to her legacy and funded through a transformational gift she left in her will.

William Pattison Nursing Fund

3 Island Health employee recipients

To celebrate his life, William Pattison's family and friends created the William Pattison Nursing Scholarship Award in his memory. This scholarship award is for nurses to develop their leadership skills and promote best practices in nursing.

Lai Family Scholarship & Bursary Fund

76 Island Health employee recipients

Established in 2012, this fund has supported scholarships for over 300 Island Health caregivers helping advance their careers and equip them to better serve patients and their families. This local family's motto of "Received from Society, Giving Back to Society" defines their giving and creation of this impactful scholarship fund.

→ Learn how you can support education:
victoriahf.ca/education



YOUR IMPACT

In total, you supported 156 Island Health employees with donor-funded scholarships and bursaries.

A Legacy of Love

When Ernie Smyth remembers his wife Peggy, his face lights up at the thought of her smile and her big heart. "She was a wonderful person," he says.

Inspired by the compassionate care of the hospital staff, Ernie has made generous gifts to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation in Peggy's memory after she passed away.

"We should all give back," shares Ernie. "It makes me feel good to give, and it makes my family feel good. That's what my wife would have wanted to do."

→ Learn how to leave a gift in your will and read more of Ernie's story:
victoriahf.ca/will



DID YOU KNOW?

We received 23 generous estate gifts in 2022-23.

Big and Small, Your Gifts Mean the World

From individuals to couples, to large corporations and local businesses, donations from our donor family make a world of a difference. Big and small, each gift collectively creates a powerful movement. Thank you to all who lead our community to a healthier tomorrow.



Don & Ruth James

“Whether it is our Peninsula community, Greater Victoria community, or Vancouver Island community—we are all one. We believe in giving back and lifting one another up—especially if it can change or save a life. One way to do this is to support the heart of our communities: our hospitals and our schools. When our healthcare centres are strong, our community is strong. To back progress and advancements in local healthcare is how we move forward as one.”

Don and Ruth James are inspiring philanthropic leaders in our community. Through a \$500,000 matching donation during the 2022 Visions gala pledge drive, they wanted to express how grateful they are for our Canadian health system. The opportunity to give back and be part of the largest community pledge drive in Visions history was rewarding.

Amy & Lewis Ratcliff

“We are committed to strengthening the communities we call home—this is why we have proudly joined the Victoria Hospitals Foundation in transforming healthcare locally through the *Miracle on the Mountain Gala*. The West Shore has a generous soul, and that has been made evident in the resounding success of the event. We look forward to continuing to unite the West Shore in support of our hospitals.”

Amy and Lewis Ratcliff, through the Engel & Völkers Vancouver Island, Ratcliff group, were the inaugural presenting sponsors of the Miracle on the Mountain Gala in 2022, a title they now hold for the next five years.



Generous Gifts From Our Dedicated Donors*

April 1, 2022–March 31, 2023

Founder

\$1,000,000–\$2,499,000

Estate of Joan Ethel Alston-Stewart

Ambassador

\$500,000–\$999,999

Joyce Brake

Helen S Buck

The Don and Ruth James Family Foundation

Benefactor

\$250,000–\$499,999

Anonymous

Estate of Estella Margaret Bach

Henwood Family Fund through the Victoria Foundation

Mike & Ethel Marley

Edmund and Carol Navickas

Patron

\$100,000–\$249,999

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Estate of David Henry Flint

Estate of Franciscus Mario Schimmelpenninck

Lorraine & David Kelly

Neil and Susan Manning Cognitive Health Initiative

Peninsula Co-op

Charlotte A. Salomon, KC & Chris Robinson

Save-On-Foods

TD Bank Group

Anne E. Topp

Uplands Golf Club Annual Heart Tournaments

**Cumulative annual giving of \$20,000+ is recognized in our Annual Report*

DID YOU KNOW? We welcomed 1,400 new donors to our donor family this year.

Champion

\$50,000–\$99,999

Anonymous (3)	Island Savings (a division of First West Credit Union)
Canadian Tire Stores	Danny & Sandy Jadresko
Bev and Brian Canfield	The Jawl Foundation
Roy Ekstrom	Andrea and Satnam Lalli
Estate of Harvey Leslie Hatch	Bill & Nancy Myckatyn Private Giving Fund
Estate of Dorothy Mae Proudler	Steve & Debbie Neil
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“Whether it’s your parents, children, loved ones, or peers—someone you know will be touched by our local hospitals and care workers. On Giving Tuesday 2022, we funded one of ten monitors needed in Victoria General Hospital’s ICU. It was our way of supporting the community and the healthcare system within it. With this gift, we specifically wanted to recognize our local care teams, support our community, and inspire other businesses to join us in strengthening local care.” —Oliver Booth, CFO

As a company that truly understands that our hospitals care for everyone in our community, GAIN Group of Companies is committed to giving back. Through its local dealerships and businesses, this organization has supported our Visions and Miracle on the Mountain galas by generously gifting impressive auction items in addition to their Giving Tuesday gift.



Cody & April McMullin

“We support our community by donating to our local hospital foundation. I experienced an unexpected one-week stay at Royal Jubilee Hospital—I was young and otherwise healthy, and never expected to need the hospital like I did. To this day, I remember thinking how impactful it was to receive medical imaging from donor-funded equipment. Though we are fairly new donors to VHF, it is an important relationship to us, and we are excited to continue to support the great healthcare advancements VHF champions.” —Cody McMullin

Cody and April McMullin started giving to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation in 2019. Six months later, the pandemic hit our hospitals, reiterating the importance of healthcare for many, including Cody and April.

Anders Yee

“I raised \$21 for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation through a lemonade stand. I spent 35 days in the NICU at Victoria General Hospital when I was born. My mom said the care teams took such good care of me, so I wanted to pay it forward. I also wanted to honour my dad who passed away last summer. This gift is for him.” —Anders Yee

Anders is an eight-year-old boy local to Victoria. Through his genuine philanthropy, he shows us that even a small donation goes a long way. Anders is already thinking of more ways to pay tribute to his father, and our local hospitals.





Thank you for an impactful 2022-23 year!

Thank You From Your Foundation Team

Our Victoria Hospitals Foundation team expresses our deepest thanks to our donor family, volunteers, supporters, and our Island Health colleagues.

It was a challenging year in our hospitals. To care for those who care for us through the funding of the equipment they need, education they seek out, research they want to lead, and the recognition they so deserve means so much.

Thank you for continuing to lift up our Foundation, our hospitals, our care teams, and our community as a whole.

Thank You to Our Board of Directors, Past and Present

Our Board of Directors are community leaders who are dedicated to making a difference in healthcare. We thank them for their expertise and guidance.

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