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# \$77 million in 2015-16 thanks to you, our donors

The transformation of health care is, of course, not an easy task. It takes people with a shared vision and a passion to build the best health care system in the world – and that is what is taking place at right here in Vancouver, because of partners like you.

Our hospitals and health care teams provide some of the best care in the country – and the world – partly because of the generosity of our donors. We will continue to work hard to ensure the best care is here when you, or your loved ones, need it.

Your donations – regardless of size – make a tremendous impact for patients and their families. VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation invests donated funds to help provide the people, places, programs and tools our health care teams need to best serve the people of British Columbia.

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*It takes a partnership between donors, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation and our hospitals and health care teams to provide the best in specialized care for all British Columbians.*

We partner with donors to provide essential funds to ensure Vancouver Coastal Health's highest priorities are met so that our health care teams can deliver BC's best, most specialized care for adults.

The BC Government funds day-to-day operations and administrative costs, but **donors** fund the extra equipment, innovative technology, research, education, and enhanced patient care and programs we need to save lives and keep our hospitals and health care centres at the forefront of medical discovery.

## where are funds invested?

### **Vancouver General Hospital**

VGH is the largest, most specialized hospital in BC and the number-one adult health care referral centre. Nearly half the patients come from outside Metro Vancouver for advanced treatments that are only available here.

### **UBC Hospital**

UBC Hospital offers specialized treatment for non-life-threatening emergencies and surgical care. Programs and services at UBC Hospital include urgent care, short-stay day surgery, diagnostic imaging services, extended care, bladder care, brain research, Sleep Disorders and a range of neurology clinics.

### **GF Strong Rehab Centre**

GF Strong is the largest and most specialized rehabilitation centre for people in BC and the Yukon who have suffered spinal cord or brain injuries. Here, a renowned team of health care professionals deliver individually tailored care and treatment in five unique programs: Acquired Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Arthritis, Neuromusculoskeletal and Adolescent and Young Adult.

### **Vancouver Community Health Services**

Community Health Services is a division of Vancouver Coastal Health that delivers multifaceted health care to Vancouverites in their neighbourhoods. Medical experts provide a continuum of health care for all ages – newborns to elders – with an emphasis on health promotion, prevention as well as primary, secondary, rehabilitative and palliative care.

### **VCH Research Institute**

VCH Research Institute is comprised of acclaimed doctors, scientists and researchers who are discovering new cures and treatments for many serious conditions and diseases. Their work is improving quality of life and changing how health care is delivered and received.



message from barbara grantham, president and ceo

# thank you for keeping health care in BC **vital**

*I may not be typical, but I love my commute to work each day. I love it because for me, it ends walking by the construction site of the Joseph and Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre. To some, it looks like any other construction site. For me it is much more symbolic – to me, it looks like hope.*



Slated for completion in the fall of 2017, the Centre will open the doors to a new era of mental health care. With \$57 million from the provincial government and over \$27 million coming from donors (including a lead gift of \$12 million from the Segals) it is a beautiful example of how philanthropy can drive change right here in Vancouver. I feel blessed to be reminded of that each morning.

As President and CEO of BC's leading adult health care foundation, it is a dream come true to be in the position of matching donors' philanthropic desires with transformational projects that will benefit all British Columbians. It is a responsibility I am both honoured and humbled to fulfil.

Our Foundation is Vancouver Coastal Health's (VCH's) primary philanthropic partner in Vancouver. We raise funds for specialized adult health care and research for all British Columbians at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH), UBC Hospital, GF Strong Rehab Centre and VCH Research Institute, as well as for

community health services for families across Vancouver through Vancouver Community Health Services.

While government funds essential services, many game-changing projects, such as new programs and facilities, leading-edge research and advanced, more efficient medical equipment can only be realized with donors as key partners. Quite simply, we act as a vital link to provide the people, places, programs and tools our health care teams need to deliver the best patient care possible. And thanks to donors like you, we have had an extraordinary year.

In this Annual Report, you will read some amazing stories about six areas of where philanthropy is playing a major role delivering innovative, transformative and sustainable health care. Thanks to donors like you, we are building new operating rooms including a Hybrid Operating Room at VGH, the first phase in an ambitious plan to reimagine surgical care at VGH and UBC Hospital.



This plan will not only significantly improve the effectiveness and efficiency of specialized surgical services, it will also allow VCH to attract (and keep) top surgical talent. Also thanks to you, our world-class cardiology services will be enhanced with an electrophysiology (EP) lab that will enable VGH's heart specialists to increase capacity and provide leading-edge treatment.

Transforming health care takes an innovative vision and passionate people to make it happen. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of British Columbians who benefit from **your** generosity – please accept our heartfelt gratitude and know that you are playing a **vital** role in the future of health care in BC.

BARBARA GRANTHAM, PRESIDENT AND CEO

DAVID MCLEAN, BOARD CHAIR WITH BARBARA GRANTHAM, PRESIDENT AND CEO, VGH & UBC HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, AND NOORDIN NANJI, BOARD VICE CHAIR





bright future

## The Future of Surgery...an Inspired Surgical Vision

*Celebrity chef Umberto Menghi is known the world over for his unbridled enthusiasm for great food and his commitment to preserving Tuscan culture and cuisine. His youthful energy is contagious and there is very little that slows him down. But an old skiing injury combined with long hours standing in kitchens around the world had taken a toll. Umberto needed a knee replacement. Impatient to get it done, he sought private care in the US. That's when he was told by doctors in Arizona and Seattle hospitals that the best place to get it done was right here in his own backyard with Vancouver Coastal Health's (VCH) orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Bas Masri.*

UMBERTO MENGHI, SEEN HERE WITH HIS WIFE, RECEIVED WORLD-CLASS MEDICAL TREATMENT AT UBC HOSPITAL.



Umberto's new knee is better than ever. "Besides Dr. Masri's surgical expertise," says Umberto "The part I remember most was the outstanding pre- and post-operative care that I received at UBC Hospital. It was absolutely world-class."

World-class health care is vital to British Columbians. It's precisely why we are embarking on the Future of Surgery, an ambitious multi-year initiative that will enable VGH to focus on the most complex surgery cases – such as traumas, transplants and complex cancer surgeries – with scheduled operations such as knee replacements like Umberto's being performed at UBC Hospital.

Phase 1 of the VGH project includes 16 new state-of-the-art operating rooms (ORs) and a special 'hybrid' operating room built to accommodate complex surgeries. In tandem, a renewal at UBC Hospital will transform the hospital into a hub for scheduled surgeries to enhance efficiency, and most importantly, improve patient outcomes. The two hospitals will work together to maximize efficiencies and reduce surgery rescheduling.

"Forty-five percent of our surgeries are unscheduled," says Dr. Masri. "For many of our patients, that means their scheduled surgeries need to be rebooked, sometimes at the last minute. Not only will we gain a tremendous amount of capacity and flexibility to improve patient care, the new ORs will also accommodate up-to-date technology and equipment."

Together, VGH and UBC Hospital perform more than 30,000 surgeries every year. Complicating matters, the operating rooms at VGH – the first accredited Level 1 trauma centre in the province – were built over 30 years ago. They are not standardized and can no longer meet the demands placed on them.

"We're building for the future," says Dr. Masri. "We're the only medical centre in the province for referrals and complex surgical cases. These improvements to our ORs will continue to position us as world leaders in clinical teaching and research."



Creating the first interventional, or ‘hybrid’ operating room at VGH is one of the campaign’s first initiatives. This special operating room includes its own state-of-the-art imaging equipment, which means that patients do not have to be moved to another location for imaging during surgery. This saves precious time – and has proven to save lives.

Thanks to the philanthropic leadership of the Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation and donors like the Angus and Margaret Reid Family Foundation, Bob and Lily Lee, Alice Chung, John Tognetti, Jason and Emily Ko (Viva Pharmaceutical), Ian Gillespie (Westbank) and the Vascular, Trauma and Cardiovascular Surgeons at VGH, the new hybrid operating room is fully funded and expected to open Fall 2016.

OPERATING ROOMS LIKE THIS ONE WITH DR. BAS MASRI WILL BE REVITALIZED AS PART OF THE FUTURE OF SURGERY INITIATIVE.

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*Help strengthen the resources of VGH and UBC Hospital’s surgical program. Learn more at [vghfoundation.ca](http://vghfoundation.ca)*

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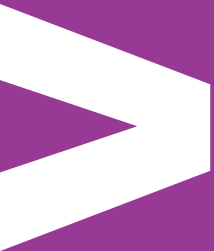
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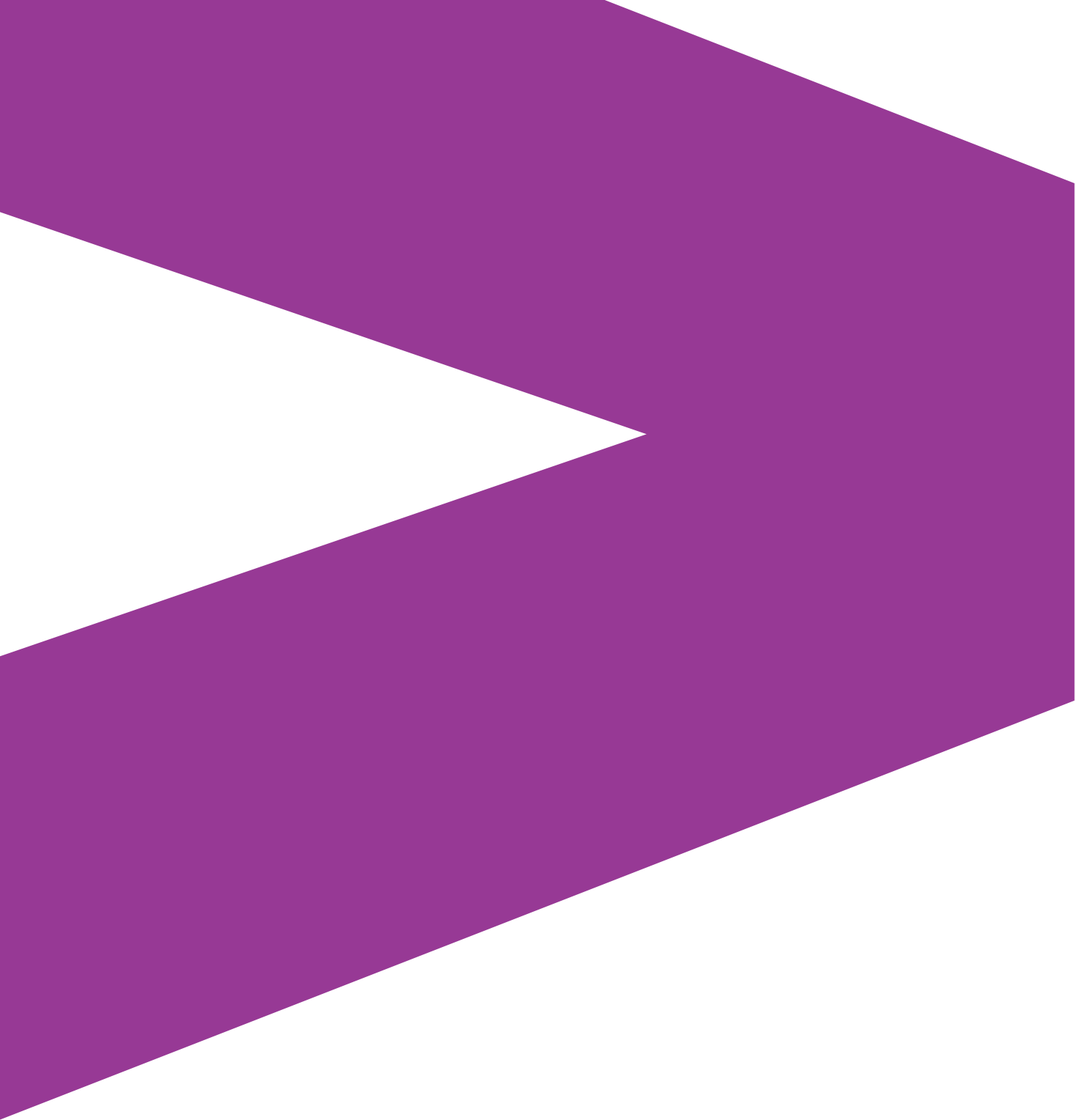
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BARBARA GRANTHAM, PRESIDENT AND CEO,  
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## Reid Family Donation Kicks Off **Fundraising**



*“Protecting and improving our health care system is a responsibility for all Canadians. This contribution is part of our family’s commitment to help place the world’s best medical technology in the hands of dedicated professionals to maintain the highest quality and accessibility in health care for our fellow citizens.”* JENNIFER REID AND ANDREW REID

The 2015 Night of a Thousand Stars Gala got a jumpstart thanks to the generosity of a well-known Vancouver family. Andrew and Jennifer Reid, the son and daughter of renowned market researcher Angus Reid, announced an incredible \$1 million matching gift from the Angus and Margaret Reid Family Foundation during the event, benefiting the Hybrid Operating Room (OR) at VGH. This action inspired others in the room to raise their bid cards, resulting in more than \$3.3 million raised that evening.

Thanks to many donors like the Reid Family, funding for the new \$8M Hybrid OR is complete and the space is expected to open in November 2016. The new OR will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology, allowing for high-definition imaging and specialized surgical techniques in the same room.

JENNIFER AND ANDREW REID ANNOUNCING THEIR FAMILY GIFT AT THE 20TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS GALA.

## Surgeons Band Together to Help Fund **Hybrid Operating Room**



*“Philanthropy plays a vital role in our health care system. These donations aren’t just gifts, they’re investments in the future of patient care at our hospitals. By joining in philanthropy, our surgical team will lead the charge to improve vascular health for our patients.”*

DR. JERRY CHEN, SURGEON, HEAD,  
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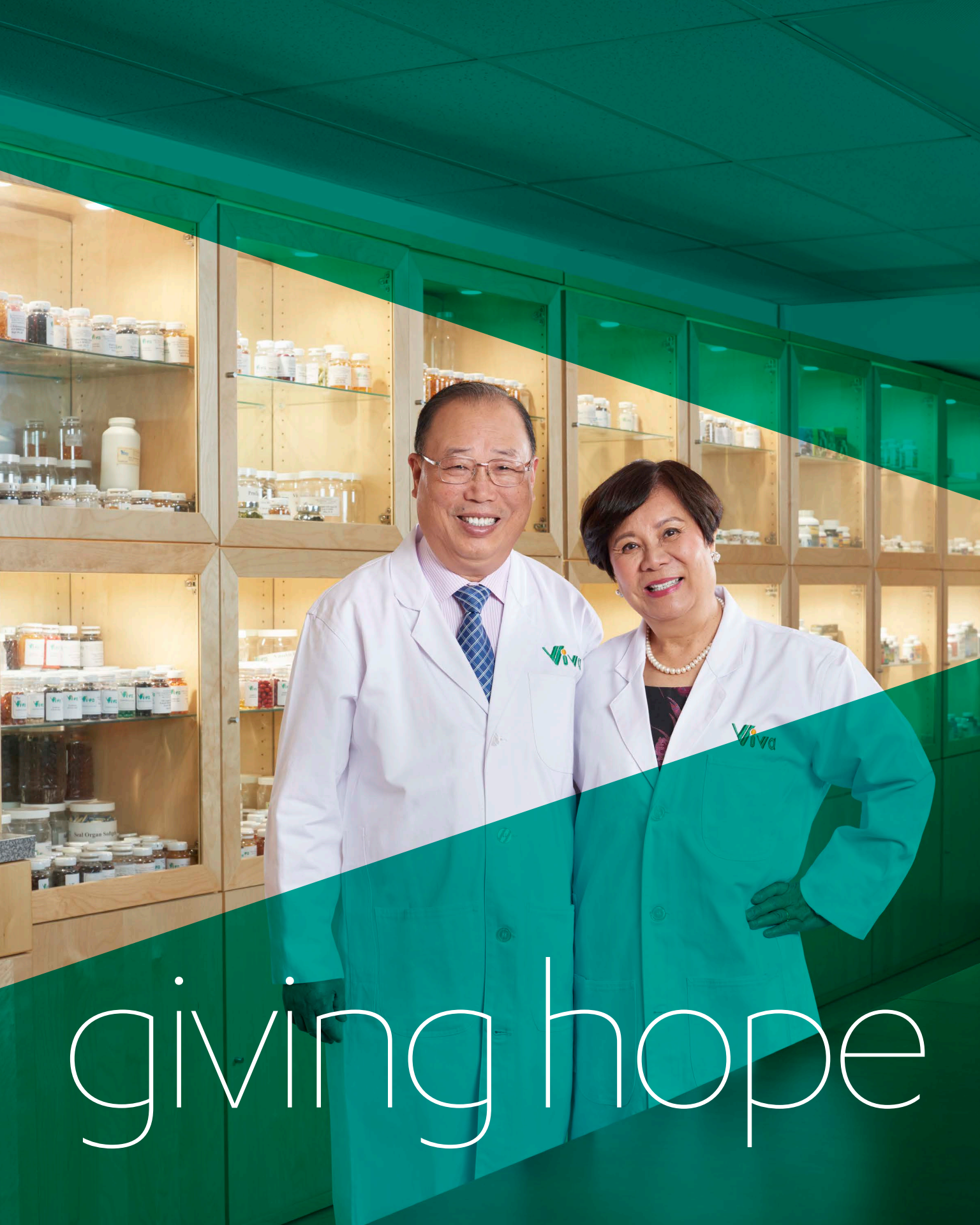
A group of physicians are so committed to improving the health of their patients that they collectively donated \$140,000 towards a new Interventional or “Hybrid” Operating Room (OR). Their donation joins the many donors who together have raised over \$8 million towards the new operating facility.

The facility, which opens in November 2016 at VGH, is a one-stop innovative surgery space that includes its own state-of-the-art imaging equipment where surgeons will no longer

have to move patients to another location during surgery for imaging. The Hybrid OR complements the expertise of VGH’s vascular, trauma and cardiovascular surgeons by putting the most advanced tools at their fingertips.

MORE THAN A DOZEN PHYSICIANS HAVE COLLECTIVELY RAISED MONEY FOR THE NEW HYBRID OPERATING ROOM AT VGH.





giving hope



## Breathing Life Into Lung Cancer Detection

*Any cancer is scary, but lung cancer is a particularly insidious disease – symptoms typically don't occur until the cancer has spread. Because of this, the five-year survival rate is less than 18%. It's not hard to imagine how many lives could be saved through an early detection screening program.*

JASON AND EMILY KO DONATED \$1.2M TO SUPPORT A LUNG CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM AT VGH.

That was the inspiration behind a \$1.2 million gift from philanthropists Emily and Jason Ko. Their transformational gift supports a Lung Cancer Screening Pilot Program at VGH. The pilot program pioneers a new model for lung cancer screening for British Columbians and is the first large scale pilot project of its kind in North America. The program hopes to lead to changes in clinical care and the formation of public policy in lung cancer screening and early detection.

For Jason, a well-known business leader from Taiwan, this issue hits close to home. His wife, Emily, was a thoracic surgery Head Nurse and has seen first-hand the devastating effects of lung cancer, particularly in patients who had never smoked. This was one of the reasons why Jason and his family felt so compelled to act. "Lung cancer has affected many of my friends who are non-smokers and this was

our way of helping save lives so that others can receive care earlier," says Jason, who was inspired by the spirit of giving from his late mother. As successful immigrants, the Kos believe that their legacy is in sharing their wealth with the community and giving back to help others, a philosophy that they share with their family and employees at their company Viva Pharmaceutical.

Like other cancers, early detection can mean the difference between a treatable disease or palliative care. "We know that low-dose CT scans help diagnose lung cancer at an earlier stage and can reduce lung cancer mortality by up to 20%," says Dr. John Yee, Head of Thoracic Surgery at VGH and Director of the BC Lung Transplant Program. "There's no question that our ability to detect lung cancer earlier will have a tremendous impact on people's health."



The screening program will enroll 2,000 high-risk individuals over a three-year period with a two-year follow-up. The study is international in scope and examines the value of inclusion of air pollution exposures for risk assessment. It also applies advanced computer technology with the goal of improving efficiency and accuracy of reading large number of screening CT scans, as well as decreasing unnecessary imaging studies or biopsies. The results are expected to help drive the development of a province-wide screening program and will contribute to the medical research community across Canada and globally, noted Dr. Stephen Lam, a specialist in lung cancer and co-leader of the Lung Cancer Screening Program.

With more than 1.6 million people worldwide dying each year from lung cancer, the impact of the Ko family's generosity in funding this important screening program is truly global.

CT SCANNERS CAN HELP DIAGNOSE LUNG CANCER AT AN EARLIER STAGE, NOTES DR. JOHN YEE.

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*Join the Ko family in helping our medical experts detect lung cancer disease earlier.*

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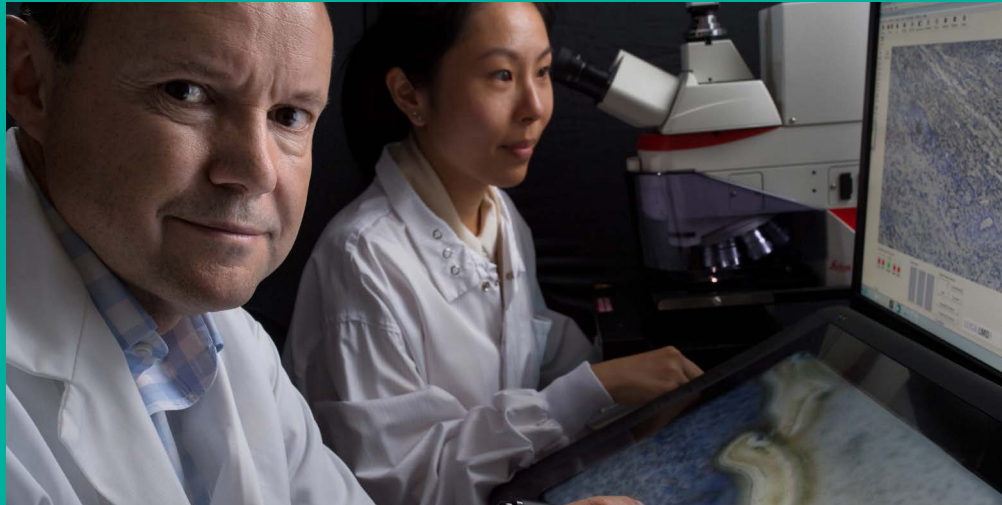
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## Innovative Microscope Aids Researchers in Preventing Ovarian Cancer



*“The LCM enables us to look for the genetic changes in individual or small numbers of cells that mark the beginning of cancer. We believe that understanding how cancer starts will lead to better prevention and treatment strategies. In our research the system is critical in determining whether we can use mutations as screening tools for ovarian cancer and when a woman should be considered at increased risk.”* DR. DAVID HUNTSMAN, CO-DIRECTOR, OVCARE, VGH, BCCA

Researchers with the Ovarian Cancer Research (OVCARE) program are using an innovative microscope to unravel the genetic changes that give rise to ovarian cancers and pinpoint when in the development of these cancers they begin to change and become dangerous.

The laser capture microdissection (LCM) system allows OVCARE researchers to capitalize on the team’s genomic prowess and helps accelerate the world leading ovarian cancer prevention program developed by VGH surgeon Dr. Dianne Miller. Much of this research requires the study of precursor lesions, which is difficult with standard techniques as these lesions are extremely small. The state-of-the art microscope enables the team to effectively isolate the cells of

interest from the remaining cells in the tissue sample. This was an impossible task until the LCM was created.

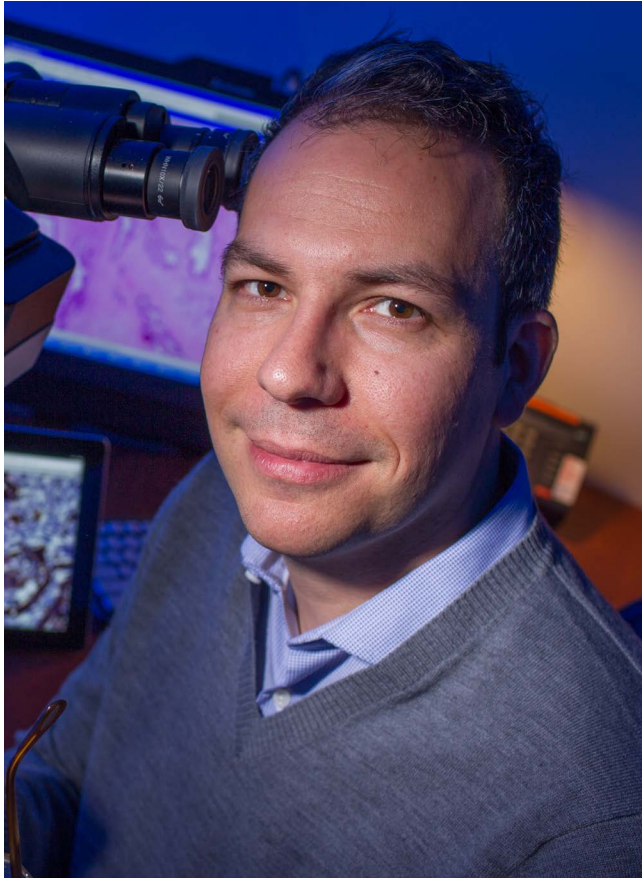
More than 2,500 Canadian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer annually; more than 1,700 die because of it. The LCM also benefits pancreatic cancer researchers to access molecular markers in bloodstreams, bypassing the need for surgical study. Understanding these lesions is key to developing a preventative approach.

Thank you to donors David and Darrell Mindell, Peter O’Sullivan and the Gemini Foundation for helping fund the new LCM System.

A POWERFUL NEW MICROSCOPE DETECTS GENETIC CHANGES IN CELLS THAT MARK THE BEGINNING OF CANCER.



## New Research Aims to Increase Pancreatic Cancer **Survival Rates**



*“We exist because generous donors believe that research is the key that will unlock the mysteries of pancreatic cancer and save more lives.”*

PANCREAS CENTRE BC TEAM

Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, affecting 1 in 79 Canadians with an average 6% survival rate. This year alone, 600 British Columbians will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and an estimated 400 will die from the disease. Pancreas Centre BC is dedicated to increasing survival rates by pursuing innovative ways of screening, treating and preventing pancreatic cancer.

Thanks to the generous support of an anonymous donor, the Centre has launched a new initiative: Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer Biobank and Genetic Evaluation Program for patients with advanced pancreatic cancer.

The goal behind this research project is to develop a simple blood test that could detect pancreatic cancer early enough to find effective targeted therapies so that more lives can be saved.

Through a partnership with VGH, UBC, BC Cancer Agency and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, Pancreas Centre BC draws together world-class clinical, scientific and multi-disciplinary leaders to advance pancreatic cancer care and research.

RESEARCHERS LIKE DR. DAVID SHAEFFER ENGAGE IN PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH TO SAVE MORE LIVES.



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## The Heartbeat of Cardiac Care

*Cardiac rhythm disorders are a major cause of illness and death in BC, and the demand for treatment is growing as our population ages. Businessman, philanthropist and VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation board member Ben Yeung had a first-hand account of this perspective when his father Peter, the founder of Peterson, sought dedicated care from some of BC's most talented cardiologists.*

DR. MATT BENNETT PERFORMS MINIMALLY INVASIVE HEART PROCEDURES THAT ALLOW PATIENTS TO QUICKLY RECOVER.

“My father believed in the value of working together and showing gratitude to those who helped us through life,” reflected Ben. Peterson, the company his father founded and of which Ben is Executive Chair & Chief Executive Officer, hosted the Rhythm of the Heart dinner in February 2016 to highlight the need for the Cardiac Electrophysiology (EP) Program. During the event, Ben announced Peterson’s gift of \$3 million in support of the expansion and enhancement of cardiac care in Vancouver. Additional donations made at the Rhythm of the Heart dinner have resulted in a total of over \$4.4 million raised to date.

EP is the part of cardiology dedicated to the heart’s electrical system. It makes use of medicines as well as advanced technology to help individuals regain control of their heart. The procedures performed by electrophysiologists are minimally invasive, allowing patients to quickly recover and get back to their lives sooner. Ben developed a keen interest in the need for an upgraded and expanded Cardiac EP Program in Vancouver, particularly after a tour of the EP site at VGH highlighted what needed to be addressed to improve patient care.

VGH currently has three heart catheterization laboratories (“cath labs”) where more than 5,000 cardiac procedures are carried out annually. Inside the cath labs, blocked arteries are opened, blood flow is restored and ultimately lives are saved. A dedicated EP lab and an additional cath lab would meet the increased need for more complex procedures, specialized equipment and longer intervention times.

“The treatment of cardiac arrhythmias is a continually evolving field,” says Dr. Jason Andrade, a cardiac electrophysiologist at VGH. “In the past patients with arrhythmias were stuck with ineffective medications or invasive open heart surgery to treat their heart rhythm disorder. In recent years the field has advanced through the use of innovative and less invasive procedures so that patients can recover and return to their everyday lives sooner. There is currently a significant need for state-of-the art equipment to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of heart rhythm disorders, as well as a need to increase our capacity to perform these complicated procedures as efficiently as possible.”





The dedicated cardiac EP lab will contain the most advanced ablation technology available, as well as enhanced imaging and mapping technologies (fluoroscopic, 3D and a GPS mapping system) in order to precisely localize the source of the heart rhythm disorder. This new equipment will also reduce patient and staff exposure to radiation by over half.

“After touring the shared EP/cath lab site at VGH, it was clear to me that these needs must be addressed to maintain and improve patient care and attract and retain the best and brightest minds in cardiology,” said Ben.

Thanks to the generosity of Peterson and Ben’s special friends and colleagues, a dedicated EP lab at VGH will soon be a reality, a fitting way to honour his father’s memory and to ensure future patients will benefit from the best possible care for years to come.

CARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIST DR. MATT BENNETT  
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## New Life Injected in TB Ward at VGH



*“This honour commemorates our founding Veterans, who faced insurmountable health, social and economic challenges following the Second World War, because of their tuberculosis afflictions. They knew only too well the devastation of isolation from loved ones and championed programs to address this, such as the VGH TB Ward.”*

KANDYS MEROLA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TB VETS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

A wing of the tuberculosis (TB) ward at VGH has been renamed in honour of the many contributions made by the TB Vets Charitable Foundation. A longstanding and valued donor for more than 25 years, TB Vets has purchased equipment that assists in the diagnosis of lung conditions, and has provided vital support for TB research to help improve treatment for patients. Typically attacking the lungs, TB is a highly contagious disease that affects more than 300 BC citizens annually with the highest risk groups being foreign-born

Canadians, the Aboriginal population and the socially marginalized. VGH operates the only TB Unit in the province where patients go for specialized care and treatment.

The TB Vets Charitable Foundation is dedicated to funding innovative research and recreation therapy programs that improve the health and quality of life for those suffering from TB and other respiratory diseases.

TB VETS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION MEMBERS IN FRONT OF THE NEWLY RENAMED TB WARD AT VGH.

# Revolutionary Non-Invasive Heart Surgery



*“With the help of committed donors, we can make TAVR the new gold standard of care for most patients with a failing aortic valve.”*

DR. DAVID WOOD, STRUCTURAL AND INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGIST, VGH

Thanks to two renowned surgeons, BC has become a global leader in heart valve innovation. Structural and interventional cardiologists Dr. David Wood of VGH and Dr. John Webb of St. Paul’s Hospital helped pioneer transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) – an alternative to open heart surgery utilizing minimally invasive heart valve technology.

Currently, it is available only to select high-risk patients. Before it can become more broadly accessible, comprehensive clinical research must be done. Dr. Wood and a Vancouver-based team are leading a multi-centre national research study of TAVR

called 3M – multidisciplinary, multimodality, minimalist. The study looks at select patients who are awake when they undergo TAVR, are typically walking four hours later, and are safely discharged home the following day. Results from the research study will be used to determine whether this procedure is applicable to others beyond high-risk.

Thank you to Dr. Thomas H. C. Cheung and other visionary donors for their generosity in helping advance cardiac care in BC.

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## Treating Disease from the Inside Out

*Imagine killing cancer through a small needle without surgery or restoring blood flow to critical organs or limbs. It's quite likely that this is all in a day's work for interventional radiologist Dr. Stephen Ho and his team at VGH thanks to a new angiography suite funded by the generosity of philanthropic leaders Sonny and Florence Leong.*

SONNY AND FLORENCE LEONG, WITH DR. STEPHEN HO,  
BELIEVE IN GIVING BACK TO HELP ADVANCE PATIENT CARE IN BC.

The Leongs have a long history of being involved in the health care field – Sonny was a pharmacist, Florence was a nurse, and they have many family members who are in the medical profession. It’s no surprise that their donation is centered on giving back to the community of patient care. “To us, giving back to society is the right thing to do, especially to health care,” says Sonny. “Canada has treated us very well and has given us many opportunities – we can all contribute.”

Angiography is an advanced x-ray system that takes exceptional anatomical images. The Leongs’ donation includes the purchase of a special, highly complex piece of equipment for the renovated angiography suite that will put the latest technology upgrades into the skilled hands of specialists and ensure that British Columbians suffering from stroke, vascular disease, aneurysms, cancer and other complex conditions receive the best health care possible.

New imaging technology and interventional devices over the past 20 years has greatly increased the number of medical conditions

that may now be treated using interventional radiology. Traditionally, interventional radiology has been performed through a puncture through the groin. Recovery meant lying flat for several hours, an inconvenient and sometimes uncomfortable process for patients. Advances in technology will now allow many of these procedures to be performed through a puncture in the wrist. Recovery time is much shorter and more comfortable.

Today, many conditions that once required surgery can be treated non-surgically by interventional radiologists like Dr. Ho. Interventional radiology uses the body’s natural pathways – the arteries and veins – to thread catheters to an area anywhere in the body that is diseased, including cancers that cannot be removed surgically. It’s a remarkable, minimally invasive procedure that allows patients to return to their lives with very little interruption.





“The new angiography suite means we’re equipped for greater precision and improved patient outcomes,” says Dr. Ho. “And now that we’re getting close to building our new suite, we’ve had interest from medical institutions around the world wanting to come here to learn about our work. It’s a fantastic opportunity to continue to showcase the outstanding work that we do.”

THE RENOVATED ANGIOGRAPHY SUITE AT VGH WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED PATIENT OUTCOMES.

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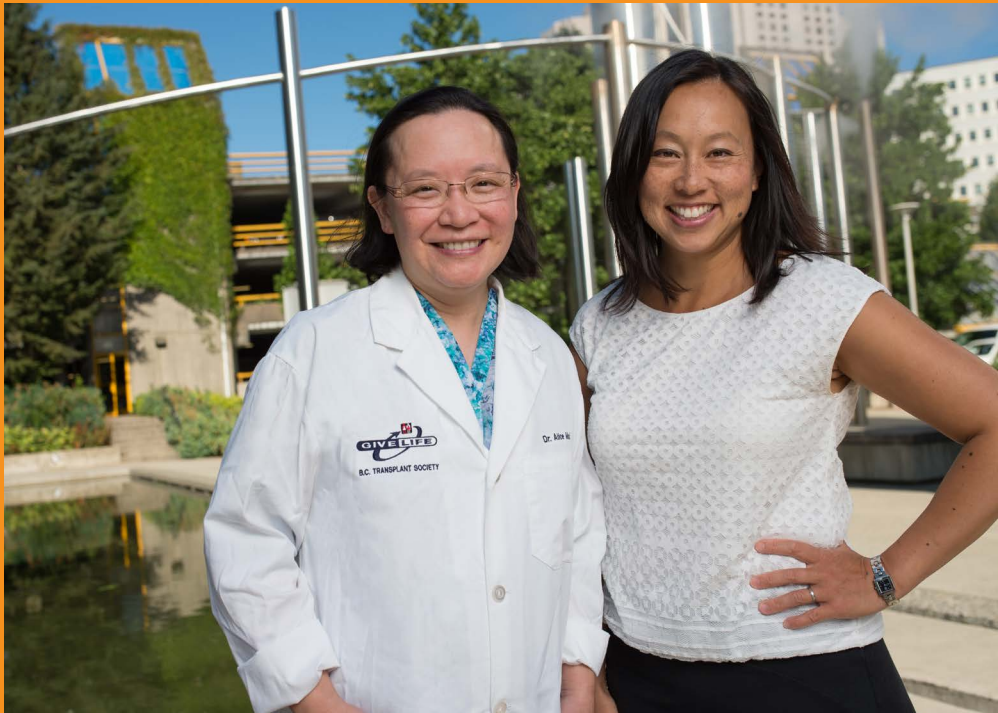




“ Our ability to detect lung cancer earlier will have a tremendous impact on people’s health. ”

DR. JOHN YEE, HEAD OF THORACIC SURGERY, VGH,  
AND DIRECTOR, BC LUNG TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

## New Partnership Benefits Transplant Research in BC



*“We have crafted a unique model of partnership that marries the strengths of both organizations around the value and importance of supporting transplantation research in BC.”*

LORI LOTHAIN, BOARD CHAIR, TRANSPLANT RESEARCH FOUNDATION

A new partnership was formed between the Transplant Research Foundation (TRF) of BC and VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. TRF is the leading health foundation in Canada dedicated to funding scientific grants for research in organ transplantation. TRF’s goal is to find a cure for organ failure, and ultimately – through research – to eliminate the need for organ transplantation.

This partnership will help TRF operate more cost-effectively as a not-for-profit by leveraging the fundraising strengths of VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. At the same time, it will provide VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation additional options for donors who are passionate about transplant research.

TRF’S COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALICE MUI AND ELAINE YONG HELP GROW SUPPORT FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT RESEARCH.

## New Centre to Empower Women With Vulvar Disease



*“Our vision is to improve awareness and access to care for those affected by vulvar disease by recognizing that it’s not just about the pain, it’s about the woman in pain.”*

MULTIDISCIPLINARY VULVODYNIA  
PROGRAM TEAM

A new health centre focused on vulvar diseases will be a welcome relief to female patients who have often had to seek help from multiple health care providers such as family doctors, gynecologists, dermatologists and others in an attempt to find an accurate diagnosis. More than 1,500 appointments are made annually at specialty clinics in BC for women with vulvar diseases and 20% of women will have significant vulvar symptoms during their lifetime.

The new BC Centre for Vulvar Health, located in the Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre, aims to provide national and international leadership in health care

education and research for those afflicted with vulvar conditions. Patients can expect a holistic approach to assessment and treatment services with multidisciplinary experts on site. Long-term goals of the Centre include an active research program and online services to provide access to physicians for women who reside in remote communities province-wide.

We are grateful to Judy Hager for her partnership in helping fund the new Centre that will improve the quality of life for women across BC living with vulvar disease.

DRS. LESLIE SADOWNIK AND SYDNEY THOMSON PROVIDE SPECIALTY CARE FOR WOMEN WITH VULVAR DISEASES.





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## Back in the Driver's Seat

*With clients to meet, contracts to close, and a business to run, self-employed Michael Drechsler is determined to get back behind the wheel. "Yes, I'm living with multiple sclerosis," says Michael, "but I'll be darned if I'm going to let it stop me from driving."*

THE DRIVER REHAB PROGRAM AT GF STRONG HELPS  
GET PATIENTS BACK ON THE DRIVING ROAD.

It's a different story for Adrian Jones\*. Even though he's had his own set of wheels since the age of three, seventeen-year-old Adrian can't wait to learn how to drive. Adrian uses a wheelchair because he has cerebral palsy. Moving his legs is slow and challenging, which means he is unable to use traditional gas and brake pedals.

Michael and Adrian have hurdles to driving, but they are not insurmountable ones. Both will soon be testing their driving skills behind the wheel of a fully equipped and adaptable minivan as part of the Driver Rehabilitation Program at GF Strong. "The Program is life-changing for patients who wish to drive or return to driving," notes an enthusiastic Lisa Kristalovich, Occupational Therapist for the Driving Program. "In Michael's case, not being able to drive has limited his work capacity and ability to easily and efficiently get around

the city. We are enormously grateful to ICBC for its generosity in helping us purchase this specially modified, wheelchair-accessible training vehicle."

ICBC funded the purchase and modification of the van through its Community Involvement Program, which provides injury recovery and road safety grants to community organizations. "The van will accommodate the unique needs of drivers with a range of physical impairments," says Steve Crombie, ICBC's VP, Corporate & Stakeholder Governance. "We are proud to help these individuals develop or re-learn the skills that will get them on the road, whether they're experienced or getting their license for the first time."

\* Name changed for privacy



The new minivan – one of only two in BC – has 10 different kinds of hand controls as well as many other modifications. The van can be customized to accommodate each client’s abilities and needs which allows the GF Strong Driver Rehab Program to provide assessment and training for participants with physical, cognitive or visual disabilities.

“People with mobility issues want to walk and drive again,” says Lisa. “They want freedom and independence. This Program not only helps give them that opportunity, but it improves their physical and mental health, and reduces the stress on caregivers.”

Next on Lisa and GF Strong’s wish list is a modified car that will provide a similar range of equipment in a car for a better client-equipment fit and decrease dependency on third party driver instructors.

ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING SUPPORT IS PROVIDED BY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AT GF STRONG.

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*Empower GF Strong’s rehab patients to learn or redevelop the skills they need to drive.*

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“ Hearing another person’s story is a powerful way to show that life with mental illness can be full of joy and success. ”

ANDY SZOCS, PHILANTHROPIST

## Supporting **Growth and Recovery** Through Art



*"I come here to be challenged, social, creative, and give back. What this program has given to me, I can't even measure."*

ART STUDIOS CLIENT

A unique space in Vancouver has become an artistic haven for youth and adults with mental illnesses. The Art Studios is a creative sanctuary where clients can access the creative arts to improve well-being, recover, and participate in society. Having on-site occupational therapists and peer support workers also provides support services in assessment, care coordination and mental status monitoring.

The Art Studios has served more than 500 clients since 2012. Inspired by the dedicated commitment of the Art Studios' staff and volunteers, Risa and Bill Levine have generously donated to support the program over the last four years. "We are proud to see

this 'little service that could' thrive in such a positive way in the community," says Risa. "What this program can do for clients and their well-being is a gift."

Indeed, clients not only responded positively in this environment but made gains in recovery and integration to society based on the results of an impact study funded by VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. Many of the clients continue with the program as volunteers or instructors and several have extended their artistic endeavors to the community, creating art exhibitions or setting up their own studios.

THE ART STUDIOS PROVIDES A CREATIVE AND INSPIRING HAVEN FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

## Mobile Device Delivers Liver Disease Screening in Communities



*“The VCC Hepatitis C program has been so fortunate with the donations we have received in the last two years to purchase technology that bears a direct impact on our clients’ access to comprehensive liver assessments and speedier access to Hepatitis C treatments.”*

MISTY BATH, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, VANCOUVER COMMUNITY

Detecting the onset of liver disease complications has been made easier with the use of a mobile screening device. The FibroScan machine, equipped with a specialized XL probe, is used by Primary Care Teams in Vancouver to provide comprehensive liver assessments and faster access to Hepatitis C treatment for patients who may otherwise develop chronic infections for liver diseases such as cirrhosis and cancer.

More than 60,000 people in BC live with Hepatitis C and more than 100 die from the disease annually. In BC, 80% of new diagnoses are people who use intravenous drugs. Engaging with this vulnerable group

of individuals directly in their community reduces the possibility of the development of more serious health complications. The recently acquired XL probe attachment enables a full scope of FibroScan services allowing community treatment teams to provide services to all individuals regardless of age, stature or condition.

Thank you to an anonymous donor for funding this need for our community health care providers.

THE FIBROSCAN MACHINE, SEEN HERE WITH THE XL PROBE, IS USED BY VANCOUVER COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAMS.

## Renovated Gathering Space Designed to **Empower Youth** at GF Strong



*“For the young people who come to GF Strong because of brain or spinal injury, or congenital disorders, the lounge is a welcome and comfortable area to support them on their rehab journey.”*

CHRIS PALMER, OUTPATIENT MANAGER, GF STRONG REHAB CENTRE

Participants in GF Strong Rehab Centre’s Adolescent/Young Adult (AYA) Program are enjoying a newly renovated lounge area designed to enhance their rehab experience and support them on their journey. The transformed space now offers physically challenged youth a homelike and welcoming environment to socialize, engage in group learning, or simply “hang out” with their peers and enjoy entertainment or down time.

Young people aged 12-19 come to GF Strong’s AYA Program with post-traumatic, acquired or inherited disabilities, including brain or spinal

cord injuries, spina bifida, cerebral palsy and neuromuscular disorders. At GF Strong, they learn or relearn how to walk, use their limbs, perform daily tasks and to express themselves.

Thank you to Serracan Properties and Ledcor Construction Ltd. for this thoughtful and generous donation of expertise, time and resources to help improve the rehab experience for young people now and into the future.

THE REVITALIZED YOUTH SPACE AT GF STRONG PROVIDES A SOCIAL AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.



## Mental health Speaker Series **Shatters Stigma** Around Mental Illness



*"I feel one of our strongest areas where we can all make a difference is reducing the stigma of mental illness. Hearing another person's story is a powerful way to show that life with mental illness can be full of joy and success."*

ANDY SZOCS, PHILANTHROPIST

*Me Too Conversations* is a free speaker series that aims to tear down the stigma surrounding mental health through storytelling. Launched in October 2015, it highlights some of the misconceptions around mental illness. The words *Me Too* tells us that we are not alone. It means there are others who empathize, sympathize, support and care for us. With one in every five Canadians affected by mental illness, *Me Too* creates an opportunity for members of our community to share stories of resilience in a supportive environment.

Passionate about this cause is philanthropist Andy Szocs, whose generous donation funded the *Me Too* platform to help empower those impacted by mental illness. *Me Too Conversations* is a collaboration between Andy Szocs, the Kelty Patrick Dennehy Foundation, Vancouver Coastal Health, and VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.

ANDY SZOCS HAS CHAMPIONED THE *ME TOO CONVERSATIONS* SERIES ON MENTAL HEALTH.



brain health

## Freestyle Skier Makes Miraculous Recovery from Brain Injury

*Jamie Crane-Mauzy of Park City, Utah, was one of the world's top freestyle skiers with her sights set on the Winter Olympics. But in April 2015, while competing in Whistler, Jamie suffered a traumatic brain injury after a horrific crash. Jamie stopped breathing and had to be resuscitated on the mountain. She was airlifted to VGH, where doctors working in critical care medicine saved her life using innovative treatment and technology only made possible through donor support.*

WORLD-CLASS SKIER JAMIE CRANE-MAUZY CREDITS REVOLUTIONARY  
BRAIN SURGERY AND VGH'S ICU TEAM FOR SAVING HER LIFE.

Dr. Myp Sekhon, the ICU physician on call that night, remembers the 23-year-old when she was wheeled into the ICU. “She was completely unconscious, in a coma, and showed devastating signs of severe brain injury,” says Dr. Sekhon. “She needed emergency surgery. Based on our traditional diagnostic models and available therapies, her chance at a full recovery was slim.”

VGH neurosurgeons and Dr. Sekhon used a revolutionary procedure that night – one of the first times it had been attempted in North America. They placed special brain catheters into Jamie’s brain. The information provided allowed them to manipulate Jamie’s blood pressure so that her brain received the exact amount of oxygen it needed to heal and recover.

Dr. Sekhon and his colleague, Dr. Don Griesdale, had learned this autoregulation monitoring procedure while studying traumatic brain injury at Addenbrooke’s Hospital at the University of Cambridge. Both doctors have since established a close and ongoing collaboration with their neurocritical care colleagues at Addenbrooke. “We rely heavily on their clinical expertise with traumatic brain injuries,” says Dr. Sekhon. “We are now actively co-investigating how these brain monitors can help brain injury after cardiac arrest.”



Dr. Sekhon and his critical care colleagues are immensely grateful to Linda Nimmerrichter Holmes and her husband, Eric, who helped fund the monitor that helped save Jamie's life.

Jamie made a full recovery. She is back skiing for fun and taking life one day at a time. "I owe my complete recovery to all the ICU doctors, nurses and medical staff who took amazing care of me", says Jamie. "I especially owe my family. They never stopped working to help me recover." Her biggest goal now is to help inspire other people to set goals and work towards them.

ICU DOCTORS SAVED JAMIE CRANE-MAUZY'S LIFE WITH SPECIAL BRAIN CATHETERS – A FIRST IN NORTH AMERICA.

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*Help our neurosurgeons remain at the forefront of brain injury patient care and research.*  
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## Adult Hydrocephalus Clinic A Vital New Service



*“Dozens of patients and families are finding their way to the Adult Hydrocephalus Clinic for expert care, support and information. It is a central source of hope for British Columbians, and this will continue to increase thanks to donor funding.”*

BARBARA GRANTHAM, PRESIDENT  
AND CEO, VGH & UBC HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION

Thanks to donors Norm and Pat Francis, the Hydrocephalus Clinic at VGH has been established to improve patient care. Hydrocephalus is a condition in which abnormal fluid accumulates in the brain, causing pressure that enlarges the head and sometimes causes brain damage. Led by neurosurgeons Dr. Brian Toyota and Dr. Thomas Zwimpfer, the multi-disciplinary Clinic cares for adult hydrocephalus patients, with the goal of providing ongoing care to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits.

Currently, there are 55 active patients and referrals continue to come from family physicians, neurologists and geriatricians across the province.

The Francis’ donation will enable the recruitment of dedicated clinic staff, a nurse practitioner, and a physician.

The next milestone for the Clinic is to create new resource materials to empower patients and build knowledge and advocacy. The team is excited about exploring partnerships to strengthen the transition between pediatric and adult care.

THE DONATION FROM THE FRANCIS’ WILL ENABLE THE RECRUITMENT OF EXPERT STAFF FOR THE HYDROCEPHALUS CLINIC AT VGH.

## Lily Kong **Legacy Fund** to Support Myasthenia Gravis



*“Our family is touched and inspired by the support and care from all the staff at VGH. This endowment is in recognition and celebration of our mother’s wishes to thank her medical team, and to bring awareness and help those who are impacted by Myasthenia Gravis.”* ERIC KONG

Lily Kong (Pang Chui Ling) was a beloved daughter, mother and grandmother who centred her life around her family, including three sons and six grandchildren. Lily immigrated from Hong Kong to Vancouver in 1967 where she quickly embraced life in Canada. She was recognized amongst her family for her culinary skills in Chinese cuisine and love for travelling.

In 1997, Lily was diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis – an autoimmune disease that causes muscle weakness due to a defect in the transmission of nerve impulses sent to muscles. Lily was under the care of Drs. Gillian Gibson, Kristin Jack and Joel Oger. Sadly, Lily passed away just shy of her 90th birthday.

To honour Lily’s memory, the Kong family provided a generous donation of \$400,000 to establish the Lily Kong Legacy Fund. This endowment fund will help support education, clinical care and research into Myasthenia Gravis with the aim of improving outcomes for patients and their families who live with the disease.

INSPIRED BY THEIR MATRIARCH, THE KONG FAMILY HAS CREATED A LEGACY FUND IN HER MEMORY.



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## **SPONSORS & INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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\$999,999 between April 1, 2015 and  
March 31, 2016.



“ Philanthropy plays a vital role in our health care system. These gifts are investments in the future of patient care at our hospitals.”

DR. JERRY CHEN, HEAD, DIVISION OF VASCULAR SURGERY, VGH





# events

## events raise record revenue

*Thanks to the generosity of donors, sponsors, volunteers and guests, our events raised over \$4.2 million in fiscal 2015-16. Thousands of friends and supporters participated in our events – helping to ensure our hospitals and health care teams continue to deliver BC’s best, most specialized care for adults.*

### SIGNATURE EVENTS

#### NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS GALA

Nearly 1000 guests gathered at the Vancouver Convention Centre on November 7, 2015, to attend the 20th Anniversary of our *Night of a Thousand Stars Gala*, presented by TELUS. More than \$3.3 million was raised to help fund the Interventional (Hybrid) Operating Room at VGH and also support our hospitals and health centres’ most urgent needs.

#### DE BEERS TIME TO SHINE GALA

On February 13, 2016, we held our second annual *De Beers Time to Shine Gala* drawing together 350 guests and sponsors for this exclusive Asia Pacific gala event. Together, we raised over \$1.7 million to help fund the Interventional (Hybrid) Operating Room at VGH.

#### MR. LUBE TOURNAMENT FOR LIFE

The 19th annual *Mr. Lube Tournament for Life*, presented by Harry Rosen, raised \$565,000 to benefit prostate cancer research at the Vancouver Prostate Centre.



## PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

### ISMAILI WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The annual 5K Walk is a family-friendly event that aims to break down the stigma surrounding mental illness. In 2015, the event raised over \$250,000 to support the Joseph and Rosalie Segal Family Health Centre at VGH and the Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division's *Living Life to the Full for Youth* program.

### ALL STAR CHARITY GALA

Fairchild Television produced a successful benefit concert showcasing twelve of Hong Kong's top entertainers. Over \$1.6 million was raised to support our most Urgent Needs Fund and the Lung Cancer Screening Program at VGH.

PARTICIPANTS WARM UP FOR THE ISMAILI WALK BENEFITTING THE JOSEPH AND ROSALIE FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE AT VGH. PHOTO CREDIT: ANUSHA PARDHAN



#### INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

Over the past year, several organizations and individuals held personal fundraising events or campaigns that collectively raised nearly \$900,000 benefiting the Foundation's Most Urgent Needs Fund and many areas of specialized care and research.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015-16

##### INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

##### BC BUDDHIST FESTIVAL

The annual BC Buddhist Festival, hosted by the Tsengdok Monastery, celebrates the diverse cultures that shape Buddhism in BC. A total of \$10,000 from event proceeds was donated to VGH's Palliative Care Unit.

##### HAVE A HEALTHY HEART FUNDRAISER

The 19th annual fundraiser raised over \$69,000 for the VGH Centre for Cardiovascular Health. Funds raised help support educational and exercise programs at the Centre to keep clients well-informed on ways to prevent and manage cardiovascular disease.

# urgent needs

*Your donations to the Most Urgent Needs Fund help support our hospitals' most critical needs, including the equipment and ground breaking research required to advance patient treatment and care.*

In fiscal 2015-16, we funded over 140 pieces of medical technology – equipment such as electrocardiograph machines, defibrillators, bladder scanners and wheelchairs for various areas across our hospitals and health care centres in the community.

In addition to critical equipment, we supported eight new researchers this year who are studying a variety of health issues – from investigating ways to develop better treatment for people suffering from concussions, to exploring ways to improve sleep in order to promote cognitive function in older adults.

Programs that help fund our most urgent needs are:

## **LOTTERIES**

Last year, Millionaire Lottery and Hometown Heroes Lottery raised more than \$4.4 million. One hundred percent of net ticket proceeds go toward funding urgently needed equipment and research at our hospitals and community health care centres. Since 1996, these two lotteries have raised over \$56 million to purchase innovative equipment, including ventilators, MRIs and CT scanners.





### SIGNATURE EVENTS

Every year, our signature events continue to draw together generous donors and volunteers who have helped us raise record revenues for our hospitals' critical needs. Last year, our *Night of a Thousand Stars* and *De Beers Time to Shine* galas raised a record-breaking \$5 million to help fund a new Interventional (Hybrid) Operating Room at VGH. Additionally, our *Mr. Lube Tournament for Life* remains one of the largest annual revenue sources dedicated to advancing prostate cancer care and research at the Vancouver Prostate Centre.

### ANGEL CAMPAIGN

More than 2,100 donors helped us raise nearly \$370,000 last year in our Angel campaign. Since 2001, this special holiday annual campaign has raised more than \$2.1 million for the Most Urgent Needs Fund. Through the campaign, individuals are able to recognize the health care providers who have touched them, by giving a donation with a personalized message written on an angel ornament that is hung in the winter wonderland of holiday trees at VGH, and the Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre.

AN ANGEL HONOREE MESSAGE AMONGST THOUSANDS OF SPECIAL DEDICATIONS OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE DURING THE 2015 ANGEL CAMPAIGN.

# legacy giving

## what will your legacy be?

*“Medicine is changing so fast that donor dollars are needed to ensure that the hospitals and staff continue to have access to the best equipment, innovation, technology, and training possible.”*

GARRY AND PAT WALKER

Garry Walker was so weak he couldn't climb the stairs from his building's parking garage to his office any more. “For someone who has always been active, I was terrified about what this sudden change in my health could mean. I decided to see my family doctor, Dr. John Mail, right away.”

Under Dr. Mail's care and his invaluable guidance, Garry's fears were realized when he was diagnosed with aplastic anemia – a rare blood disorder in which his body's bone marrow wasn't creating enough new blood cells. Garry was quickly admitted to VGH and quarantined for six days in the bone marrow transplant unit. “These were six of the most harrowing days of my life”, says Garry. “Only my doctors and my wife, Pat, could visit. I was so sick from the medications and tests, and all I wanted was to get better and go home.” Happily, Garry's story ended well. “Thanks to the incredible doctors, nurses and medical staff, and my wife's love and support, I'm walking and lifting weights again. The hospital saved my life.”

Inspired by the need to give back, Garry and Pat reached out to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. They decided to help support the future of the Hospital by including a gift in their will to the Foundation. “We know that the BC Government funds day-to-day operations, but medicine is changing so fast that donor dollars are needed to ensure that the hospitals and staff continue to have access to the best equipment, innovation, technology and training possible.”

### **How do legacy gifts help future generations?**

Through thoughtful planning, you can help support future generations. By leaving a bequest in your will, making a gift of life insurance or designating the Foundation as a beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF or TFSA – your gift can help our health care teams save lives now and well into the future.

Thank you to the Walker family and to all our legacy donors. Your gift today will make a difference in the lives and communities of tomorrow.

DONORS GARRY AND PAT WALKER ENJOY AN ACTIVE LIFE IN WHITE ROCK, BC.



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Join Garry and Pat by leaving a legacy gift in your will to ensure vital care is here when those you love need it most. Learn more at [vghfoundation.ca/legacy](https://vghfoundation.ca/legacy)

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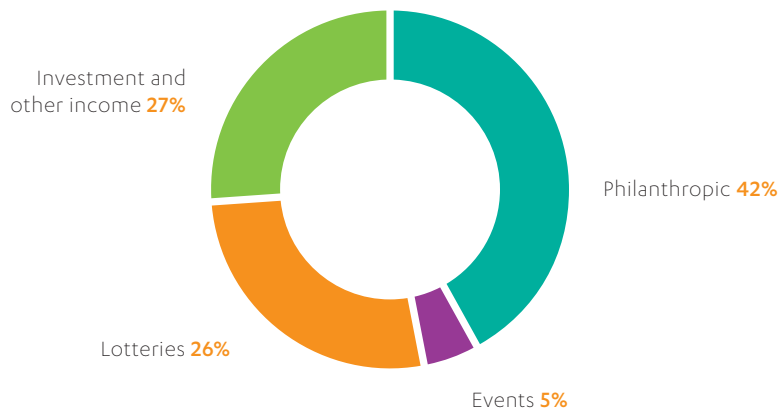


# the power of giving

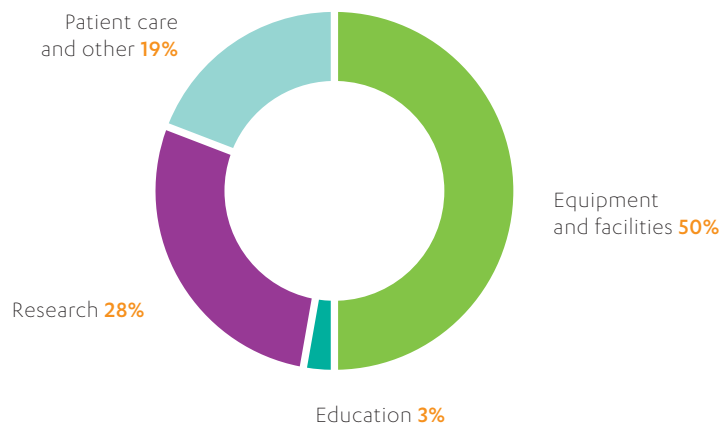
VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation is committed to making the best use of every dollar raised. We are proud to report that in 2015-16 the Foundation's cost per dollar was 16 cents (excluding lottery revenue and related expenses), which is significantly lower than the industry average of 23 cents.\*

Thanks to our donors, our 2015-16 consolidated revenue, including lotteries and investments, totalled over \$77 million.

## Sources of Revenue



## Distribution of Donated Funds



These financial highlights are based on VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation's audited financial statements for our fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. The Foundation's statements are audited by KPMG LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, and are available at [vghfoundation.ca/financial-reports](http://vghfoundation.ca/financial-reports)

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Philanthropic	\$32,156,336	\$36,891,478
Events	4,218,106	3,696,721
Investment & other income	21,010,732	21,355,746
	57,385,174	61,943,945
Lotteries	19,725,506	19,133,338
	77,110,680	81,077,283
<b>Expenses</b>		
Foundation operations	7,329,946	6,639,658
Community awareness and public engagement	636,112	578,619
	7,966,058	7,218,277
Lotteries (including prizes)	15,269,267	15,368,333
Other fundraising	1,335,340	972,488
	24,570,665	23,559,098
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses before grants</b>	<b>52,540,015</b>	<b>57,518,185</b>
Transfer to qualified donee	1,000,000	-
Funds granted for:		
Equipment and facilities	16,880,061	6,444,933
Education, research, patient care and other	17,171,842	17,421,344
	35,051,903	23,866,277
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses and grants</b>	<b>17,488,112</b>	<b>33,651,908</b>
Fund Balances, beginning of year	227,855,723	187,331,991
Change in fair value of investments	(12,248,757)	6,871,824
Fund balances, end of year	\$233,095,078	\$227,855,723

## our board of directors

Our Board of Directors is composed of accomplished, dedicated business and community leaders who govern our Foundation and are ultimately responsible for our strategic direction and overall performance. By adhering to excellence in governance practices, they ensure funds are used effectively and the organization has a positive, lasting impact on health care in BC.

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