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Join us in transforming health care and saving lives

We are the philanthropic engine for health care innovation and transformation in British Columbia. Our hospitals and health care centres are able to deliver the best possible patient care because of your support. By recruiting world-class medical professionals and equipping them with the tools and technology to do their best work we are improving the health of our communities and saving lives across the province.

Patients across BC with the most complex health care needs are referred to the Vancouver Coastal Health sites we support:



**Vancouver General
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**Vancouver Coastal Health
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Rehab Centre**



UBC Hospital



**Vancouver Community
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Recent initiatives

PHIL & JENNIE GAGLARDI SURGICAL CENTRE

Set to open in early 2021 the Phil & Jennie Gaglardi Surgical Centre at VGH is part of a \$100 million+ project that includes 16 new state-of-the-art operating rooms, a 40-bed unit for care before and after surgery, new communication systems to manage activities for health professionals across two operating floors, and upgraded infrastructure.

[Learn more: vghfoundation.ca/surgery](https://vghfoundation.ca/surgery)

BRAIN BREAKTHROUGHS: IT'S ABOUT TIME

Accelerating our pace of discovery and dramatically changing lives, this year marked the launch of our **Brain Breakthroughs** campaign. Our goal is to raise \$35 million, and through the power of philanthropy we have already expanded the province's sole Seizure Investigation Unit at VGH, and supported the innovative BC Brain Wellness Program. **And this is just the beginning.**

[Learn more: vghfoundation.ca/brain](https://vghfoundation.ca/brain)

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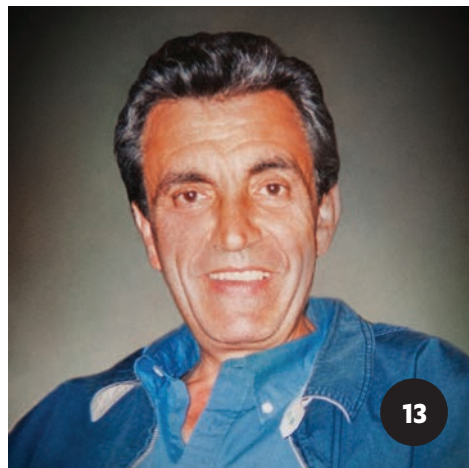
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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Together, we are vital

The year was 1980. It was the dawn of a new decade, six years before Vancouver would host the World Exposition, and a time when Billy Joel, Queen and Diana Ross were ruling the airwaves when the Vancouver General Hospital Foundation was established. The first order of business was to raise much-needed funds for an ambulance, and local philanthropists were ready to step up and help make this happen. A few years later, a merger with UBC Hospital led to the naming of VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.

40 years later, you have helped us make \$1 billion of impact on your health care system.

Our growth, expertise and partnerships have made us the philanthropic engine for health care innovation and transformation in BC.

You have helped realize the creation of brand-new facilities, clinics and health centres, established world-leading research spaces and filled them with state-of-the-art equipment to be utilized by the best clinician-scientists. Our partners have made life-saving breakthroughs, from identifying new cancer subtypes to revolutionizing surgical procedures.

None of this would be possible without you. Every one of our donors, friends and supporters are vital to this success story.

Since I became President & CEO of VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation in January 2020, we have seen the single greatest challenge to our health care

system in my lifetime — COVID-19. I have been inspired by how our health care partners, our donors and the community have responded to this challenge. Our mission to inspire donors, transform health care and save lives has never been more relevant.

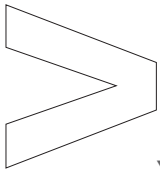
The magazine you're holding is a celebration of this mission. Inside you will find stories of honesty, hope and humanity. Stories of the impact your gifts have made and of the health care heroes on the front lines of a global pandemic. I hope these features allow you to see yourself reflected in our health care system — whether it's a story of an immigrant improving the city that welcomed them, an expectant mother adapting to a new workplace reality, or a friendly reminder to take a moment to pause and practice self-care.

Because each of us has a role to play in creating healthier communities. Thank you for joining with us to be the vital difference.

I hope you enjoy this inaugural issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together. If you have thoughts or feedback please visit vghfoundation.ca/contact and get in touch.

Warmest Regards,

Angela Chapman
President & CEO, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation



Research you make possible

Your donations support vital research and help jumpstart new initiatives across Vancouver Coastal Health. Here are some highlights of projects currently underway that are made possible by donor support.

 [Learn more: vghfoundation.ca/research](http://vghfoundation.ca/research)



OVCARE EXPANSION: GYNAECOLOGIC CANCER INITIATIVE

The Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OVCARE) is taking a bold new step forward in tackling not just ovarian, but all gynaecological cancers. Under the co-leadership of Dr. David Huntsman (left), the team is examining cancer at the cellular level to understand its origins. They are forging meaningful partnerships to expand research capacity, finding new and better ways to prevent and treat gynaecological cancers. By harnessing the power of philanthropy they can secure additional grant funding and attract bright young talent to our province.



EXAMINING STROKE TREATMENTS

Multiple initiatives at the Vancouver Stroke Research Program are bolstered by philanthropy. Program director, Dr. Thalia Field (left) is leading a nationwide study to test a new therapy for cerebral venous thrombosis (CVT). This rare form of stroke strikes mostly young women, particularly during pregnancy. Part of this study is also examining the use of telemedicine to support more comprehensive care across BC.



NATIONAL LEADERS IN PANCREATIC CANCER

Pancreas Centre BC's flagship collaborative project made possible through philanthropy is EPPIC — short for Enhanced Pancreatic Cancer Profiling for Individualized Care. This innovative program is led by Drs. Daniel Renouf and David Schaeffer (left). It brings together multidisciplinary teams from across Canada to create a network of clinical trial, oncology and pancreatic cancer genome experts. Together, they are working to accelerate the implementation of personalized treatments so that each patient's unique tumour traits can be matched to an optimal treatment.



Plan a fundraiser
Build connections and make a lasting impact on health care.

 [Learn more: vghfoundation.ca/plan-your-event](http://vghfoundation.ca/plan-your-event)

Want to make a difference? Gather some friends and partner with VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation today to build a fundraising initiative that makes a vital difference in BC.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

The Palliative Care Social Worker



BEV NOLAN IS A SOCIAL WORKER SPECIALIZING IN PALLIATIVE CARE. SHE SUPPORTS END-OF-LIFE CARE FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Every workday morning, I get up and prepare my three-year-old son for the day, take my prenatal vitamin, give my husband a kiss, then settle in at my computer for a day of talking to people who are facing the end of their life, or those who have lost their loved ones.”

Since 2018, Bev Nolan has worked as a social worker supporting end-of-life care in Vancouver. She spends her time caring for patients and their closest family and friends who are dealing with the fact that they or someone they know is entering into palliative or hospice care.

“For me, it’s all about building connections with people,” says Bev. “As people transition into the

hospital or hospice, I go in for a visit and make sure they are comfortable and settled and ensure I have done a thorough handover to the staff at the site. It’s really a wonderful thing to be in a position where I get to enter into people’s lives and help them during an often very difficult and trying time.”

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Bev works out of the Nancy Chan Ambulatory Palliative Care Clinic, a donor-funded program that provides specialist consultation to help with the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals and their families in palliative care.

In addition to her clinic work, Bev makes in-home visits to clients in the Pender Health Unit catchment area for individuals who choose to remain in their homes.

For me, it's all about building connections with people.

"Before COVID-19, my day would include bereavement visits, taking phone calls to offer support to front line staff, and an afternoon of clinic sessions with people living with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones. Normally, if someone were hospitalized or admitted to hospice, I would take some time to go check in. But nowadays I haven't been able to go into the hospital or hospice," says Bev. "That's been a really hard piece for me. I've lost many clients since March, and I wasn't able to physically be present for them. I miss seeing clients in person, being at the clinic, and being able to run over to VGH if someone was sent to the hospital."

After COVID-19 came to BC and we began to see spikes in March, Bev's work shifted dramatically. Instead of attending in-person appointments to help people during these private and intimate life moments, her personal care system moved into virtual care. Family discussions about end-of-life care were now on video calls.

And yet, while she says there has been a form of connection lost relying purely on this format, Bev has also seen the benefits virtual care has had to offer. She's able to provide service to patients who find it difficult to travel or are afraid to leave their homes during this time. Loved ones who live far away are able to become more intimately involved with the patient's care plan.

This has broadened the ways we can offer care

"I think this has broadened the ways we can offer care," says Bev. "When people were referred to the clinic before, they had to come to the clinic. Now, we've been able to provide great care to people in the comfort of their homes who otherwise may have felt fearful to venture out during the pandemic."

She has seen this cross over into her team as well. Typically, the palliative care network is spread across several sites. But as staff members have adjusted to telehealth options together, it has brought with it a feeling of connection.

"Now that we've gotten a routine and we're comfortable using this technology, it feels more connected," says Bev. **"It is amazing how everyone has adapted and continued to offer really great care for people."**

At the end of the day, when Bev closes her laptop and puts down the phone, she feels drained — but happy. She knows she has made a difference in someone's life at a time when they needed someone like her to be there for them. To offer empathy, a safe space to grieve, and the knowledge they need to get through one of the most painful times in life.

"It is a mentally draining job, and certain days are harder than others. You are navigating through people's stresses, worries, anxieties and there isn't a day that goes by where somebody isn't in tears," says Bev, breathing out a sigh. "But it's such rewarding work. I get so much back from it. I learn so much from the people I support and I am honoured and grateful to be able to play a role in their lives."



Donate in honour
They have our backs.
Now we can have theirs.

Honour a physician, nurse or health care team by giving a gift that gives back to BC health care.



Learn more:
vghfoundation.ca/give-in-honour

HEALTH CHECK

5 tips to improve your mental and physical wellbeing



Dr. Silke Cresswell is the co-founder and Director of the BC Brain Wellness Program. The program provides free mental health workshops to support people living with chronic brain disorders, their care partners and healthy agers. By evaluating participant progress, they are hoping to develop a new standard of care that is personable, patient-centric and sustainable. These workshops are made possible by donor support to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. Based on this program, Dr. Cresswell has put together five helpful tips to improve your health.



GET MOVING!

Exercise does wonders. It leads to new brain cells with better connectivity, improved mood, healthier weight management, better sleep and a reduction in inflammation. You don't need to take up cross-fit or train for a marathon to see the benefits — daily walks or yoga sessions are a perfect way to get started.



EAT FOR YOUR BRAIN

Wholesome nutrition such as following the principles of the Mediterranean diet is another key component for wellbeing and can prevent or delay cognitive decline and possibly also Parkinson's disease. This means more greens and other vegetables, nuts, berries, beans, whole grains, fish and poultry and less butter, cheese, pastries, sweets, red meat and fried or fast foods.



CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Connections with your friends, family and neighbours are key aspects to your mental health. The Harvard Study of Adult Development concluded that loneliness can kill as easily as smoking or alcoholism.

Social integration and community are crucial for happiness and longevity. So foster relationships with friends and family and reach out if you need help. Talking with a friend when you're feeling down can have a profound impact. Likewise, helping others also has health benefits for the helper.



KEEP LEARNING

An active brain is a healthy brain. Learning or practicing new skills helps keep your mind sharp and can be a lot of fun. Whether it's working on a craft project, becoming a puzzle master, or reading a new book, stretching your mental muscle every day is not only satisfying, it's good for you!



TAKE A MINDFUL MOMENT

Mindfulness is the practice of purposefully focusing your attention on the present moment and accepting it without judgement. By immersing yourself in the sights, sounds and feelings of a particular moment you can improve your ability to focus, reduce stress and better manage anxiety and other mental health challenges.



FEATURE STORY

COVID-19: The past, the present and how we are fighting for the future

On January 28, 2020, British Columbia confirmed its first case of COVID-19. Less than two months later, on March 17, a public health emergency was declared in the province. It felt as if overnight our lives suddenly, and dramatically, had changed.

By the end of March the number of confirmed cases had spiked. Under the order of Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC's Provincial Health Officer, businesses and municipal services across the province were closed.

These actions, including the individual sacrifices made by each of us as we stayed home and practiced physical distancing, soon started to see results. Cases across BC went down, and lives were undoubtedly saved.

While all this was happening, **VGH was preparing for the worst.**

Our essential health care workers were caring for the sickest of patients. Entire wards were renovated to meet new isolation needs. Our clinician-scientists swiftly pivoted their expertise, knowledge and state-of-the-art (and often donor-funded) equipment towards finding new treatments. Through Herculean effort, they transformed VGH into one of the province's leading hospitals for combatting COVID-19, and established ourselves as global leaders on the forefront of research and discovery.

This is our story.



ZEE RAHIMAN, 32, NEARLY DIED FROM COVID-19 COMPLICATIONS.

COVID-19 PATIENT SAVED THROUGH VGH AND UBC RESEARCH

“When I was struck by the virus, within 24 hours I felt like I’d hit a brick wall. Non-stop coughing, a fever spike... I was almost unresponsive — I could barely talk. **It was terrifying.**”

Zee Rahiman is a 32-year-old healthy male. In the past, he has always bounced back from flu and other sicknesses without issue. **But when he was infected with COVID-19, it nearly took his life.**

Zee was rushed by ambulance to the Emergency Department at VGH and was quickly admitted into the ICU. With every hour that passed, his condition continued to deteriorate. Eventually, his breathing grew so weak that he was placed on a ventilator.

“I remember that moment so vividly — **I truly didn’t know if I was going to make it,**” says Zee. “Luckily for me, the doctors and medical experts at VGH are equipped with the latest knowledge, tools and technology. And through a clinical study led by Drs. Myp Sekhon and Cheryl Wellington, they saved my life.”

LOCAL RESEARCH, GLOBAL IMPACT

A small team of researchers led by Dr. Sekhon, an intensive care physician at VGH and Dr. Wellington, a VCHRI researcher with the Djava Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health at UBC, are retrieving and processing samples from critically ill COVID-19 patients at VGH and other hospital sites.

Using a Simoa HD-1 analyzer machine in Dr. Wellington’s donor-funded research lab at UBC, blood samples that normally take weeks to analyze are processed within 24 hours so ICU physicians have more time to observe the patient’s immune system and how it’s responding to the virus. The goal is to characterize the immune system changes in order to provide optimal care for COVID-19 patients.

“In some patients it appears that it may not be the virus itself, but the triggering of an excessive immune response that leads to lung damage,” says Dr. Sekhon. “If we can identify and quell it, patients may improve quickly.”

In Zee’s case, it was like flipping a switch; personalizing his care in the ICU was associated with a dramatic decrease in the dangerously elevated immune system markers in his blood. Within a week, Zee was out of ICU. One week after that he was able to return home.

This bench-to-bedside research is being used to save patients today. And while Drs. Sekhon and Wellington continue their life-saving work, other clinician-scientists at VGH and UBC Hospital are leading the way in discovering new treatments.



DR. CHERYL WELLINGTON



DR. MYP SEKHON

Accelerating research is the key to our future

GLOBAL COLLABORATION LEADS TO BETTER DIAGNOSES OF COVID-19

Radiologists at VGH, UBC Hospital and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute are leading an international study to better predict the presence of COVID-19 based on CT scans. Artificial intelligence (AI) is utilized to predict the presence, severity and complications of COVID-19 from these scans.

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY KEEPS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) SAFE

In an effort to minimize unnecessary exposure in the ED, Dr. Kendall Ho led his team to launch a new phone app that keeps people in need of emergency health services safe. By using the app, patients may remain safely outside the hospital and be notified of when they are next to be seen, where they need to go, and who will see them.

POST-COVID-19 CLINIC

Drs. James Johnston, Christopher Carlsten and Aditi Shah are leading the charge in long-term post-COVID-19 care, establishing the province's first Post-COVID-19 Clinic. The clinic will follow formerly infected patients and study the long-term impact on their bodies, facilitating any future interventions that may be needed. This information will set the standard of care that will be used across the province.

PATIENTS HELPING PATIENTS

Researchers are collecting plasma from patients who have recovered from COVID-19 and may have developed an immune response. Early evidence indicates that administering plasma treatments to those currently infected may successfully treat the disease.

METRO VANCOUVER ICUS HAVE LOWER DEATH RATES THAN COUNTERPARTS AROUND THE GLOBE, STUDY FINDS

A recent study showed that death rates of COVID-19 patients in ICU were lower in Metro Vancouver hospitals — including VGH — than other ICUs around the world. While the reasons for this success are multifaceted, one of the study's authors, Dr. Donald Griesdale, credits the hospital's preparedness as a factor.

THE POWER OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR EFFECTIVE TREATMENT

Researchers at the Vancouver Prostate Centre have re-purposed the AI capability developed for identifying cancer drugs to fight COVID-19. The use of AI has enabled virtual screening of 1.3 billion chemical compounds, out of which approximately 100 candidates are being tested with an international consortium to boost the effectiveness of antiviral therapies. Gifts from TELUS and Teck kick-started this work which has attracted millions in grants.

HEALTH CARE NEEDS PHILANTHROPY TO BEAT COVID-19

Donations are impacting health care workers on the front lines today, helping provide them with essential supplies and comforts during this stressful time. It also fuels our world-class researchers, who are working tirelessly every day to help uncover the mystery of this disease.

Through philanthropic support and collaborations like the COVID-19 Combat Collective, we will continue to be there for our health care partners as we face down this unprecedented challenge.



Learn more: vghfoundation.ca/covid19

Make an immediate impact

Support our *Most Urgent Needs*

If you or a loved one is sick, you want to know you are receiving the best treatment possible. This requires world-class health care teams to be equipped with the latest tools and technology. This is what our *Most Urgent Needs* fund does.

Gifts to this flexible fund are unrestricted, which means they can be deployed wherever support is most needed. This empowers us to identify and support the cutting-edge research and equipment that will have the most immediate impact on patient care.



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Health care needs can change in a moment's notice. By providing flexible funding, our Vancouver Coastal Health partners can use their expert knowledge to direct donor funds to where they are needed most. When COVID-19 struck BC, our hospitals were ready. They were able to swiftly address the immediate needs of a pandemic while keeping staff and patients safe.

PUSHING BOUNDARIES

Pushing the boundaries of medical knowledge and making new discoveries are key to the advancement of health care and our world-class research teams thrive with your support. Research teams are able to use these vital funds to pursue bold new ideas and bring new treatments to patients in BC.

STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT

A gift of any size can make a vital difference. Donor gifts to the fund are combined to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, ensuring our health care professionals have what they need to provide specialized care and save lives.



Donate monthly

Support vital health care year-round

Monthly giving is an easy and affordable option that provides a steady and predictable source of funding to support the most urgent needs of our hospitals and health care centres.

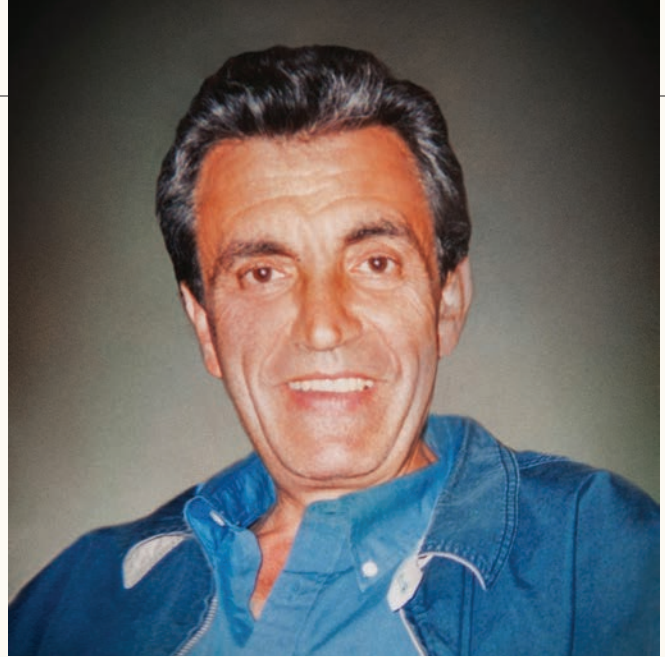


Learn more:
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A heart of gold: Realizing the Canadian dream

VINCENZO ALBANESE LEFT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF HIS ESTATE TO VGH & UBC HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, IMPACTING THE CARE OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS.



Vancouver, 1963. Vincenzo Albanese has left everything behind in post-war Italy to pursue a dream. A dream all immigrants carry with them — a chance at a new life.

Vincenzo hit the ground running in pursuit of that dream. He worked the trades to make a living during the day, and at night he went to school to learn English. Later, he would start his own construction company, helping build the city we know and love today with his own two hands.

When he wasn't working, Vincenzo was surrounded by family, particularly his nieces and nephews, constantly exploring the nature and sports available in BC together.

This was Vincenzo's way of life, and he loved it. Even after his cancer diagnosis, he never gave up on trying to bring a smile to his family members' faces.

FACING DOWN CANCER

In September 2014, Vincenzo was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He fought bravely for more than a year, but in November 2015 he passed away peacefully in palliative care at VGH. Vincenzo chose to leave his estate to his family members and to several charities, including VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation.

"He wanted to support those who needed it the most," says his niece Angela. "**He loved Vancouver and wanted to take care of others in it**, and he thought there was nothing better than the hospital caring for sick people."

A LEGACY IMPACTING THOUSANDS OF LIVES

Vincenzo's incredible legacy gift is playing a significant role in funding several health care programs and state-of-the-art equipment. The most meaningful to the family is the virtual interpreter. As immigrants, the family knows first-hand the struggles of communication in a new country.

Angela's first visit to VGH was on Christmas Eve in the 60s. She was alone and unable to fully explain her needs.

"I remember I was in bed on Christmas, it was nighttime, and the window was open," says Angela. "It was getting so cold and I couldn't get out of bed, but I didn't know how to explain to anyone that I needed help. I sat there, cold and alone on Christmas in a new country. I was afraid. So, I understand first-hand how important this program will be."

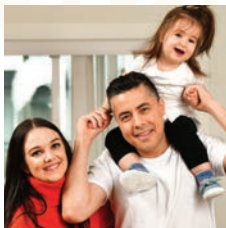
The virtual interpreter, which is being piloted across Vancouver Coastal Health, helps medical staff communicate in over 240 languages, including sign language. Within a matter of minutes, patients and physicians can be connected with a live audio or video interpreter, increasing the speed and quality of care.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Vincenzo's legacy is now forever tied to health care. His generosity and warmth in life carry on through the lives and well-being of the thousands of patients who will now have access to these new programs and vital pieces of equipment.

Thank you, Vincenzo.

Your Impact

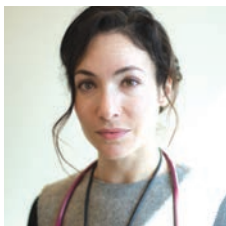


Nick Kanaan
Lung transplant recipient

“The ECMO machine that saved my life and bridged me to my lung transplant is only here in BC because of people who give to health care. I am living proof that donations save lives.”

Ritchie Biln
Spine surgery patient

“Things can happen at any time and in the unfortunate circumstances it does, the donations that have been made in order to have state-of-the-art equipment, the best services and the most amazing staff will make all the difference in your care, treatment, recovery and outcome.”



Dr. Thalia Field
Stroke specialist

“The support of our donors has been critical in building our best possible Stroke Program, emphasizing excellence in quality care, research and education.”

Raymond Heung
Trustee, Y.P. Heung Foundation

“As immigrants, this is the least we can do to show our gratitude to the beloved people who work in this country of our choice, in particular those who selflessly put themselves in the front lines — and what they give is far more important and meaningful than what we are giving now.”



Tony Ma
Donor

“I believe in the strength of British Columbia’s health care system and recognize that government funding cannot always meet every demand. My family and I are pleased to be able to support the transformation of BC health care when and wherever we can.”

Dr. Marcel Dvorak
Physician at VGH

“In my time helping provide care for patients I have seen leaps and bounds taken in the medical field. So much of this is due to those who gave in support of research, equipment, and above all the people, who help care for our family, friends and loved ones. Thank you.”

FROM THE COMMUNITY



VGH YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The 98 members of the VGH Youth Leadership Program are driven to care for our medical staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are doing this by reaching out to their networks through peer-to-peer online fundraising, with donations going towards the COVID-19 Response Fund. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting this initiative by this group of philanthropic youth!



CARS4COVID

What started as sticker sales with 100% of the proceeds going towards the COVID-19 Research Fund has since flourished. Vintage car fanatics from all over BC are now gathering at businesses and care facilities across the province collecting donations from people in their local communities. To date this initiative has raised more than \$7,000.

40 YEARS

\$1 BILLION DOLLARS

View the full timeline of your impact:
vghfoundation.ca/timeline

With your support, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation has been transforming health care in BC for 40 years with \$1 billion in philanthropic funding. Join us as we look back at some of the vital projects your donations have supported.



Brain Bolt introduced at VGH

This innovative tool allows for careful monitoring to dramatically improve and personalize ICU care of patients with brain injuries.



Robert & Lily Lee Family Community Health Centre opens

This community health centre provides a range of health services in a single location, including: public and community health, mental health and addiction support, speech therapy and more.



Leslie Diamond Women's Heart Health Clinic opens at VGH

The first program of its kind in Western Canada, this clinic focuses on preventing and stopping progression of heart disease in women.



Vancouver Prostate Centre established

A \$20 million gift from Jim Pattison in 1999 helps the program become a National Centre of Excellence in prostate cancer research.



VGH becomes the first hospital in BC to adopt ECMO use

This life-saving technology allows a patient's heart and lungs to rest by pumping and oxygenating their blood outside their body.

2020

Foundation celebrates \$1 billion raised

This support greatly benefits all British Columbians by transforming health care and saving lives.



2017

Joseph & Rosalie Segal & Family Health Centre opens

The centre consolidates inpatient and outpatient services under one roof, providing clients with the treatment, programs and skills they need to resume life in the community.



2015

Sports Cardiology Clinic opens

SportsCardiologyBC works to advance research, advocacy, education and patient care for athletes of all levels across BC.



2012

2011

Jack the Robot, Western Canada's first surgical robot installed at VGH

Affectionately named after philanthropist Jack Poole, Jack the Robot assisted in prostate, gynaecologic and heart surgeries at VGH.



2009

2007

Ovarian Cancer Research program (OVCARE) established

OVCARE researchers would go on to make groundbreaking discoveries into subtypes of ovarian cancer, and introduced a global surgical standard of removing fallopian tubes during hysterectomies to curb ovarian cancer rates.



2000

1998

1990s

1980

Vancouver General Hospital Foundation established

Under the leadership of founding chairman, Peter Bentley, an ambulance purchase marks beginning of philanthropic impact.



1 in 3 Canadians
will be affected by
a brain disease,
disorder or injury.

EMILY'S LIFE WAS SAVED AT VGH

Brain Breakthroughs

It's About Time

JOIN US IN SOLVING THE MOST DIFFICULT
CHALLENGES IN BRAIN HEALTH

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