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Transforming health care takes 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.



# Vital begins with you

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

In this Annual Report you will read amazing stories that show where philanthropy is playing a major role in delivering innovative, transformative and sustainable health care. You will read about Leon Judah Blackmore, whose incredible generosity extends beyond his lifetime. You will meet Jim Szabo, who is mobilizing his friends to support Sports Cardiology. And you will learn more about corporations like Teck and Lumira, that are applying their philanthropy to drive innovation.

These are just a few examples of donors who believe in our cause and who step up to support the work done by the exceptional health care leaders of Vancouver Coastal Health. We are grateful to the thousands of British Columbians who invest so generously, year after year, in the places, the programs, the people and the tools and technologies that, one gift at a time, are transforming our health care system. Each of you plays a vital part in our collective success.

Looking to the future, we know that our unique mandate will bring the value of philanthropy to the vital transformation of health care. Thanks to our talented and committed team, and our passionate and visionary donors, the next chapter in our story is underway.

With respect and gratitude,

Barbara Grantham

President and CEO

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# Philanthropy is **vital** to the **transformation** of health care.



# Giving 'the gift of life'

Local philanthropist Leon Judah Blackmore loved life.

The appreciation for life and community he acquired throughout his 81 years extended after his passing in 2015 with a gift of \$18.4 million to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. The donation amount is not a random figure. Eighteen, in Hebrew, means 'chai' or 'life' and that symbolism represents the fervent lust for life that Leon had every day.

"In this way, Leon gave 'the gift of life' to the people of British Columbia who need our services," says Dr. Jaap Hamburger, a Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) cardiologist and friend.

Just before the Holocaust, a young Leon Judah Blackmore fled Poland with his family to escape persecution. That experience built a moral foundation for Leon, who eventually became a private, yet significant, pillar in Vancouver's real estate community. Leon told friends he wanted his wealth allocated to causes where it could make the most impact and help the most people. His donation to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation is distributed across several areas, including the recently opened hybrid operating room at VGH, the Men's Health Initiative, a new Cardiac Diagnostic Centre at VGH and the newly expanded Leon Judah Blackmore Centre for Sleep Disorders at UBC Hospital.

"This gift, one of the largest our Foundation has ever received, will have meaningful impact on these priorities," says Barbara Grantham, President and CEO of VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. "Leon was clearly a man of vision, personality, drive, ambition and generosity. This gift will advance four of our priority areas and all British Columbians will benefit." Leon was clearly a man of vision, personality, drive, ambition and generosity.

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# Donation drives powerful medical technology

Hollyburn Properties founder, Stephen Sander, wants to help as many people as he can. This is truly evident in his \$2 million donation to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, which will go toward upgrading the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit at UBC Hospital and support the purchase of a new robot-assisted surgical system at VGH — a provincial referral centre for complex cancer surgeries.

"Hollyburn Properties is very proud to support residents and families across Vancouver with a donation for new medical equipment, which will help provide care to people across all sectors of medicine and have an impact for many people no matter what their illness," says Sander with a smile, who was also a patient at VGH.

"A new surgical robot is welcomed at VGH, considering the current one is about 10 years old. This minimally invasive

technique offers many benefits to patients, including the potential for reduced pain and discomfort and faster recovery times," notes Dr. Peter Black, Senior Research Scientist, Vancouver Prostate Centre. "Patients experience less pain, require less pain medication and generally speaking are able to recover faster." The robot will be used for cancer surgeries as well as other non-invasive procedures.

In addition to the new robot, the gift will be used for needed upgrades to the MRI unit at UBC Hospital.

"This generous gift from Hollyburn Properties and Stephen Sander makes the purchase of technologically-advanced equipment that will improve patient care possible," says Barbara Grantham, President and CEO, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation. "Investing in health care innovation benefits all British Columbians."

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Thank you to the following donors for their contributions of \$5,000 or more between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

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# Keeping future generations active

A few years ago, a close friend suggested to local real estate leader, Jim Szabo, that he needed to get a cardiologist.

"I didn't think I needed one – I'm fit, I bike, I ski, I work out – until I was told it would be a good idea," he says. "My friend said, 'You don't want to be looking for one in the Yellow Pages, last minute, when you need one.' Well that was the smartest thing anyone ever said to me."

His friend recommended Dr. Saul Isserow, Medical Director of Sports Cardiology BC, a multidisciplinary program at the *Centre for Cardiovascular Excellence* at UBC Hospital. The Centre helps people stay active while managing health risks.

"I met Saul a few years ago. After getting to know him, Saul talked about a research centre he wanted to open. But there was additional funding needed for equipment and ongoing research in cardiovascular health and sports cardiology. Saul is a guy you can definitely get behind," he says, looking around at the Centre's hallways. "I felt like I could really make an impact in our community here. Heart disease is something you can get ahead of and be

proactive in treating – you can manage it through medicine and exercise."

He pauses and shakes his head.

"People usually don't see a cardiologist until it's too late," he continues. "There are athletes who don't realize they have heart issues until it's too late. A lot of cardiac issues we see can be prevented and I want to help that change – help change how we look at things."

As a result of this inspiration, Jim started reaching out to his network of friends and associates, raising close to \$1 million for the innovative program.

Dr. Isserow says the gifts will have a huge impact on the program and its patients.

"It's allowing us to do research in a field that wouldn't conventionally get funding," says Dr. Isserow nodding his head. "It's an entirely new area of cardiology. We're treating a new generation who are getting to an older age, trying to do more and wanting to be more physically active. We want to help them stay physically active in a healthy way."

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# Corporations harness the power of philanthropy

Did you know that Canadian companies rank number two in the world in generosity, with 67% reporting giving?

This noble trend continues with two Canadian companies, innovative in business and in giving, as they drive innovation through generous philanthropy.

"We chose to invest in health care innovation to create significant change and give back to the community," explains Peter van der Velden, Managing General Partner at Lumira Capital, which has pledged a portion of their partners' profits to health care innovation. VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation is one of 11 Canadian hospital foundations to which Lumira has made this commitment. "As a firm, we are very focused on supporting the development and commercialization of biomedical innovations that address unmet clinical needs and that have the potential to have a transformational impact on the lives of patients."

And create significant change it will. This gift will harness existing BC strengths in technology and health care delivery, and advance innovation. This means getting

more needed treatments to citizens, faster and more efficiently, and bringing innovations to the people who need them the most.

Like Lumira, Teck Resources Limited looks for ways to contribute to health care and the community.

Teck is funding a study to consider the use of special antimicrobial copper-bearing surfaces at VGH as well as three other hospital sites in Canada. Mostly used for pennies or wire, copper is known to inhibit microbial growth. It can combat health care associated infections, which continue to be a major burden on patients and health care systems worldwide.

"Finding new and innovative ways to reduce health care acquired infections will not only help save patients' lives. It will keep visitors, nurses, doctors and others from getting sick when visiting a loved one or doing their job," says Don Lindsay, President and CEO of Teck. "This has the potential to improve overall health for thousands of people. It's a pretty incredible opportunity and something we are very excited to be part of."

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# Embracing women in the Downtown Eastside

It's one of Canada's most well-known neighbourhoods for all the wrong reasons. Some of Canada's most marginalized and poorest people live in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES). Nearly 40% of those faces are women struggling to raise families and overcome challenges most people can't fathom, such as physical and sexual abuse, substance use and mental illness.

"Women in the Downtown Eastside need more help. I could have used more help when I was there," explains Ceejai Julian, a peer specialist in the area. "More resources are needed to help women. I know we can do better."

That is why Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation joined forces to build a female-focused approach to health care policy, programs and services throughout Vancouver Community Health Services, including launching the first women-only Intensive Case Management Team (ICMT), a program built around women helping women. The interdisciplinary team is designed for women who face high levels

of marginalization, are unable to access existing VCH health services, face multiple barriers to care and have substance use and/or mental health challenges. The team will give these women the healthier and happier lives they deserve. The first women-only ICMT is a product of both strong vision and generous philanthropy.

"Risa and I were looking at ways to make a contribution to our community, particularly for vulnerable populations," says Bill Levine. "We supported the ICMT because it's an urgent need and vulnerable women will really benefit from these programs. They will get the care they need within their own community, within environments where they are comfortable."

This is an innovative and high-impact solution to address the disproportionate susceptibility and risks for vulnerable women in Vancouver – it is essentially health care embracing women in the DTES. These vulnerable women are getting what they need, where they live. And visionary philanthropy made it happen.

Philanthropy is enabling women to get the care they need within their own community.

## **Annual** giving

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Thank you to the following Tributes for their contributions of \$5,000 or more between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

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# A gift of gratitude

Myasthenia Gravis (MG) is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease that affects the skeletal muscles of the body. These muscles are responsible for breathing, seeing, swallowing and moving parts of the body. Cases of MG have increased four fold in BC over the last 20 years.

"The Kong Family's donation has been vital in our efforts to develop better and more accurate tests for this disease," says Dr. Hans Frykman, Medical Director of UBC Hospital's Diagnostic Services Laboratory. "Hundreds of additional patients across Canada will now be diagnosed and cured thanks to this gift."

"Research for this disease is really underfunded so that's why we made this specific donation," Eric Kong explains. "One day we hope to find a cure for this life-threatening and debilitating disease." In the last year of Eric's mother's life, the staff at VGH took great care of Lily, who was suffering from MG.

"She was at VGH quite a bit," says Eric.
"But they made it as comfortable as they could for her. I'll never forget that."

To show their gratitude, Eric and his two brothers, David and Alan, started the Yiu Wah Kong and Lily Kong Legacy Fund, named after their mother, Lily, and their father, Yiu Wah, who passed away in 2016. The fund has generously donated \$562,000 to the Neuromuscular Diseases Unit and the Neuro-Immunology Laboratory.

"We're giving back because the staff at VGH really took care of my mom in the last year of her life and that means so much," Eric says, smiling. "My family was really struck by how incredibly compassionate and professional the doctors and nurses were at the hospital. We wanted to say thank you."

# We wanted to say thank you.

## Annual giving

# SPONSORS & INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Viva Pharmaceutical Inc

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Coast Capital Savings Charity Golf Tournament

Ismaili Muslim Community of British Columbia

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6th Annual Chad Warren Charity Challenge

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10th Annual Chairman Tom's Grouse Grind

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### **Events**

Thanks to the generosity of our many donors, sponsors, volunteers and guests, our events raised over \$7.6 million in 2016-17. Thousands of dedicated friends and supporters attended our events or produced their own independent community events – helping ensure leading-edge health care for British Columbians.

#### **NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS GALA**

Almost 800 guests gathered at the Vancouver Convention Centre on November 5, 2016 to attend the 21st annual Night of a Thousand Stars Gala presented by TELUS. More than \$3.05 million was raised in support of the Future of Surgery campaign, making the night a glowing success.

#### VIVA PHARMACEUTICAL TIME TO SHINE GALA

On February 5, 2017, we held our third annual *Viva Pharmaceutical Time to Shine Gala*, with 360 guests at this exclusive Asia Pacific themed gala event. Together we raised more than \$2.88 million for our Future of Surgery campaign, enhancing surgical care for British Columbians.

#### MR. LUBE TOURNAMENT FOR LIFE

On June 11, 2016, the 20th annual *Mr. Lube Tournament for Life* raised over \$570,000 to benefit the Vancouver Prostate Centre. This signature event has raised more than \$3.4 million over the past 20 years to advance prostate cancer care and research.

#### ISMAILI PARTNERSHIP WALK

On September 18, 2016, the 25th annual Ismaili Partnership Walk took place in Stanley Park. Thousands of British Columbians attended the Walk, which raised more than \$320,000 in support of the Joseph & Rosalie Segal & Family Health Centre and vital community mental health resources.

TOP: GUESTS GATHER AT THE 2016 NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS GALA
BOTTOM LEFT: HONOURED GUESTS AT THE VIVA PHARMACEUTICAL TIME TO SHINE GALA
BOTTOM RIGHT: PARTICIPANTS AT THE MR. LUBE TOURNAMENT FOR LIFE



## Our most urgent needs

Donations from grateful patients, family and friends are essential to helping our health care teams provide the best in patient care. Money raised through the *Most Urgent Needs Fund* helps us acquire life-saving equipment and develop innovative treatments.

We thank the thousands of donors who have contributed to the *Most Urgent Needs Fund* in 2016-17 to ensure that the most important needs of our health care teams can be met.

The tremendous impact of these donations include funding 126 pieces of medical equipment such as a mini C-arm, ventilators, Omnicell medication stations and ultrasounds for areas across our hospitals and health care centres in the community. In addition, funds supported two new clinician-scientists and 10 new innovative research projects that aim to find better treatments for patients – from discovering ways to improve outcomes of large skin grafts using a liquid skin substitute to investigating whether digital media can enhance treatment decision-making for patients living with multiple sclerosis.

Programs that support the Most Urgent Needs Fund:

#### LOTTERIES

Lottery funds have an immediate impact on patient care by supporting the purchase of essential equipment that support a wide range of areas. In 2016, Millionaire Lottery and Hometown Heroes Lottery raised more than \$4.5 million to fund urgently needed equipment and research projects.

#### ANGEL CAMPAIGN

During the 2016 holiday season, more than \$610,000 was raised to support the most urgent needs at our hospitals and health care centres. Heartfelt messages written on angel ornaments were hung in our hospitals' winter wonderlands of trees – including messages of thanks to doctors and health care teams, and tributes to loved ones. Thanks to generous donors and sponsors, the Angel Campaign has raised nearly \$3 million since 2001.

A HEARTFELT NOTE FROM A GRATEFUL PATIENT HONOURING THEIR ANGEL DURING THE 2016 ANGEL CAMPAIGN AT VGH.



# Leaving a legacy of learning for neurosurgery

Jeanette Andrews was a respected and hard-working teacher who had a passion for art and education.

Born and raised in Vancouver's Point Grey neighbourhood, she taught art in Vancouver and West Vancouver and was also an instructor in the Art Education Department of UBC's Secondary Education Program.

Jeanette was much-loved by her students.

When she passed away in 2015 at the age of 71, Jeanette left a remarkable legacy of \$1.8 million to VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation in support of research related to acoustic neuroma, a noncancerous tumour that develops on the main nerve leading from the inner ear to the brain.

"My sister, Jeanette, made this bequest to the Foundation to express her gratitude for the operations performed on her acoustic neuroma. Those surgeries saved her life," says Allen Andrews. "She was a uniquely strong, confident person who carried on with bravery and determination despite her declining health, and she wanted to make a difference for others."

Acoustic neuromas can cause debilitating symptoms including hearing loss, severe

imbalance and facial numbness, and Jeanette didn't want others to suffer.

The Division of Neurosurgery at VGH is using Jeanette's gift to adopt emerging technologies and add to their talented team. By using navigation systems and high-definition imaging, they are enhancing research, training and care to treat conditions like acoustic neuromas and other brain tumours.

VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation is grateful to Jeanette for her commitment to this special area of medicine. We are honoured that she chose to continue her legacy by including this generous gift in her will. Her commitment to innovative education and research will impact patients for years to come.

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 Jeanette and to all our legacy donors. Your gift today will make a difference in the lives of British Columbians tomorrow. Learn more at: vghfoundation.ca/legacy

JEANETTE ANDREWS LEFT \$1.8 MILLION TO VGH & UBC HOSPITAL FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION RELATED TO ACOUSTIC NEUROMA.

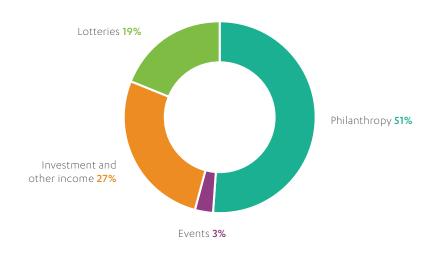
# The power of giving

Thanks to our donors, our 2016-17 consolidated revenue, including lotteries and investments, totalled over \$113 million. The Foundation's cost per dollar was 12 cents (excluding lottery revenue and related expenses), significantly lower than the industry average of 27 cents\*.

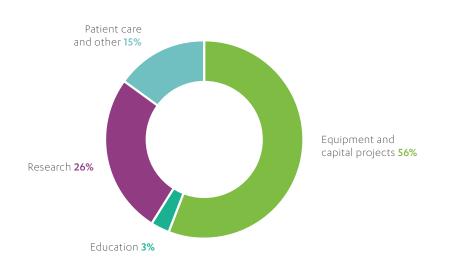
Together, with our donors and supporters, we have made a direct and significant impact on health care in our province.

The following financial highlights are based on VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation's audited financial statements for our fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. The Foundation's statements are audited by KPMG LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, and are available at **vghfoundation.ca/audited-financials** 

#### Sources of Revenue



#### Distribution of Donated Funds



Revenue	2017	2016
Philanthropy	\$57,861,962	\$32,156,336
Events	3,801,374	4,218,106
Investment & other income	29,973,448	21,010,732
	91,636,784	57,385,174
Lotteries	21,929,019	19,725,506
	113,565,803	77,110,680
Expenses		
Foundation operations	8,554,021	7,329,946
Community awareness and public engagement	926,028	636,112
	9,480,049	7,966,058
Lotteries (including prizes)	16,029,365	15,269,267
Other fundraising	1,286,954	1,335,340
	26,796,368	24,570,665
Excess of revenue over expenses before grants	86,769,435	52,540,015
Transfer to qualified donees	423,623	1,000,000
Funds granted for:		
Equipment and capital projects	31,135,283	16,880,061
Education, research, patient care and other	24,746,862	17,171,842
	56,305,768	35,051,903
Excess of revenue over expenses and grants	30,463,667	17,488,112
Fund Balances, beginning of year	233,095,078	227,855,723
Change in fair value of investments	3,682,682	(12,248,757)
Fund balances, end of year	\$267,241,427	\$233,095,078

\*Charity Intelligence Canada 2016

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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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#### 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 the 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.



