



YOUR IMPACT IN 2021-22

Transforming the future of health care, together

When you or a loved one are seriously injured, sick, or facing a complex medical challenge, the assembled teams of medical superstars at VGH, UBC Hospital and our health care centres are here and ready to help. These world-renowned health care practitioners and researchers are here in our communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offering their skill and expertise to do what they do best—heal.

Thanks to monthly supporters like you, our health care teams are equipped with the best tools and equipment available. Our researchers are able to study and cure complex health conditions for the benefit of all British Columbians. Our buildings and infrastructures can grow and evolve to make way for better, modern patient care.

Simply put, your support **transforms health care** in our province.

More than 1,800 monthly donors like you contributed over \$560,000 in unrestricted giving to power the most urgent needs of our hospitals and health care centres.

Please take a moment and enjoy reading about the life-changing impacts you and other supporters of our Foundation are making on health care every single day.

And above all, **thank you for your support.**

\$113 million

IN CONSOLIDATED REVENUE, 2021-22




- 47% Philanthropy
- 26% Investment and other income
- 26% Lotteries
- 1% Events

Four key areas

OF SUPPORT



- 51% Equipment and capital projects
- 25% Research
- 22% Patient care and other
- 2% Education



Your gifts. Their lives.



MIKE AND
DR. GRAHAM
WONG

Mike McCardell is a well-known Vancouver figure, recognized for his CTV broadcasts on human interest stories and for writing a litany of best-selling books. Mike has made a career out of finding and sharing the “heart” in everyday life, highlighting the moments around us we often take for granted.

Mike never would have guessed that one day he would become the story.

“One day I started to feel dizzy, sweaty and overall not well,” says Mike.

Mike did his best to get the day’s story finished. He was holding onto his chair until they completed editing, and afterwards he drove out to pick up his wife from work. It was there a colleague of his wife’s took one look at him and told him to get

into the car and that they were going to the hospital.

On the steps of UBC Hospital, Mike suddenly collapsed.

Drs. Graham Wong and Noah Alexander, along with the expert team at UBC Hospital, resuscitated Mike. But his fight for life continued.

Mike was transferred to VGH for their expertise in intensive care—joining **3,000 other patients from across BC** who are admitted into the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit every year. He was placed into an induced coma, and had his temperature regulated by a targeted temperature management machine. With the health care team able to access critical donor-funded devices such as **cardiac defibrillators, telemetry packs, electrocardiography**

machines, regulators for heart and lung machines and more, Mike was given world-class care right here in Vancouver. A few days later he woke up, stable and recovering.

These days, Mike feels safe again as the medical team at VGH surgically implanted a defibrillator to keep his heart in check. Despite his near-death experience, Mike is as healthy as can be. He’s forever grateful to have a second chance at life.

Thanks to your monthly gifts, experts at both VGH and UBC Hospital had the equipment, facilities and resources to meet Mike’s heart attack head on. They delivered unparalleled care from the second Mike arrived, saving his life, because of people like you.

[SEE THE FULL STORY ONLINE](#)

CARING FOR ALL OF BC

Direct impact on patient care

VGH, UBC HOSPITAL
AND GF STRONG
SUPPORT BC WITH

1,800
PHYSICIANS

6,000
SUPPORT + HEALTH CARE STAFF



AT VGH, YOUR
GIFTS SUPPORT

26,000
INPATIENTS

20,000
SURGERIES

79,000
EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT VISITS

294,300
CLINIC VISITS



AT UBC HOSPITAL,
YOUR GIFTS
SUPPORT

4,400
INPATIENTS

7,800
SURGERIES

18,500
URGENT CARE VISITS



ADVANCING CANCER TREATMENTS

VGH is the provincial centre for the treatment of blood cancers and blood diseases, annually caring for approximately **100 new patients with acute leukemia** and performing **200 bone marrow transplants**. These are adults who need the best, most advanced care and treatments, flying in from as far as the Yukon to the **Leukemia/Bone Marrow Transplant Program (L/BMT) at VGH**. Your gifts supplied **\$706,000** to the **BMT Education Project**, **\$100,000** to a **minimal residual disease study in acute myeloid leukemia**, **\$45,000** for **equipment in the apheresis unit**, bursaries for specialized nursing courses, and more.

RESTORATIVE REHABILITATION

At **GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre**, a remarkable team of specialists help a wide spectrum of patients, annually admitting more than **500 inpatients** and providing **20,600 clinic visits annually**. These are individuals who are often re-learning how to do basic human functions after suffering from disease or injury. Walking, talking, eating, standing, sitting—foundations many of us take for granted—are restored here. Your donations supplied this team with a **\$55,000 Bioness System** which stimulates muscles and helps restore functionality for all GF Strong patients in need of physical rehabilitation.

MATERNAL CARE IN THE DTES

Thanks to your inspired and visionary philanthropy, **Sheway** is providing vital services to pregnant women and new mothers who are struggling with substance use disorders in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES). Prior to Sheway's launch, **one in two babies** born in the DTES were substance-affected and **one-third** had a low birth weight. Today, **most children** born to Sheway clients have normal birth weights and most new mothers are able to care for their children at home. Your gifts totalling **\$10,000** to this program purchased **vital signs monitors** and **digital baby scales** in support of patient care.

**Thanks to your monthly gifts, care, equipment and research are being transformed—
in our hospitals, health care centres and communities.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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Thank you.

**CRUCIAL EQUIPMENT FUNDED
BY YOUR GIFTS**

Cardiac Ultrasound \$250,000

Surgical Headlights \$62,000

Defibrillators \$37,500

**Vacuum-Assisted Wound
Closure Device** \$22,000

**Ultra Low Temperature Freezer
for VCHRI** \$19,000

Sit-to-Stand Lift \$13,500

AND MUCH MORE



VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation partners with donors like you to provide critical support to our hospitals and health care teams so they can deliver BC's best, most specialized care for adults. Your gifts this year directly supported VGH, UBC Hospital, GF Strong Rehab Centre, the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute and Vancouver Community Health Services.

Your monthly donations directly support our world-class surgeons, who oversee 60 per cent of the province's adult trauma cases. You empower a full range of health care services throughout the community, annually accounting for 1.9 million hours of support. You accelerate health care innovations such as Virtual

Health programs so that we are prepared for anything—even a global pandemic.

Together, we are investing in innovations that would otherwise not be possible, empowering a constellation of people, places and programs who are advancing our understanding of disease and illness and improving the health of individuals and our health care system—from hospital to home.

VGH & UBC Hospital is committed to transforming health care to put us within reach of tomorrow's treatments and cures. And you are bringing us one step closer towards that healthier future.

Thank you. Together, we are transforming health care in BC.