



YOUR IMPACT IN 2022-23

Together, we transform health care

In your time of need, if you are seriously ill, sick, or injured, our hospitals and health care centres are your best chance for recovery. There are few illnesses or injuries the medical superstars at VGH, UBC Hospital, and our health care centres cannot treat, no matter how complex or rare. These world-renowned health care practitioners and researchers are here for us every day, rain or shine, to help.

You put the latest tools and technology in the hands of our world-class medical teams, enabling them to provide the best possible care to save and improve lives. **You** enable us to invest in bench-to-bedside research which has a profound and lasting impact on the future of care. **You** empower our people to transform our health care system, improving access and quality of care to the thousands upon thousands of patients and their loved ones in need of help this year.

Your generosity is transforming health care for British Columbians.

More than 1,700 monthly donors like you contributed over \$580,000 to power the biggest needs of our hospitals and health centres.

Please take a moment and enjoy reading about the impact you and other supporters of the Foundation are making on health care every single day.

\$115 million

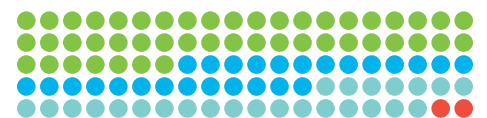
IN CONSOLIDATED REVENUE, 2022-23



- 51% Philanthropy
- 26% Lotteries
- 16% Investment and other income
- 5% Rental income on properties
- 2% Events

Four key areas

OF SUPPORT



- 47% Equipment and capital projects
- 26% Patient care and other
- 25% Research
- 2% Education



Paying it forward

DAVID CORKE
WITH HIS FAMILY

In mid-December 2020, David Corke was happy to be out doing what he loved—coaching soccer.

The former professional player, now the Head Coach for one of Coastal FC's high performance programs, was trying to concentrate on helping his team when seemingly out of nowhere his back started to hurt.

"I went and saw a chiropractor—didn't help. And then the pain got so bad that I went to get it examined and they thought it might be kidney stones," says David. "We looked into that. Antibiotics didn't work. Then they took some blood, and before you knew it, I was off to VGH."

The blood work came back with a diagnosis that floored him. David had leukemia. A cancerous mass had formed in his stomach that was causing the pain. He needed treatment immediately.

"I started chemotherapy on Christmas Day," says David. "It was confusing, scary, and obviously I

couldn't see my family because of the pandemic."

David went from being on the soccer pitch helping promising young athletes to realize their best selves, to being isolated in hospital away from everything he loved. The next several months would take everything David had in him to make it through, with two rounds of chemotherapy and ultimately a stem cell transplant.

Thankfully, David had the support, care and expertise from the health care teams at VGH—the provincial centre for the treatment of blood cancers and blood diseases. Thanks to their support, David has now recovered and is thriving.

Caring for approximately 100 new patients with acute leukemia and providing 200 bone marrow transplants annually, VGH's Leukemia and Bone Marrow Transplant (L/BMT) program is for adults who need the best, most advanced care and treatments. Patients are flown

in from around the province and the Yukon to receive care at VGH. Support from monthly donors like you is central to the L/BMT program, funding critical research, state-of-the-art equipment, and educational bursaries that improve staff knowledge and patient care.

In celebration of his care team's dedication, David, his family, and his friends started a fundraising campaign called the "Corke Classic". It began in 2021 with 60 golfers raising money to support patients and their families struggling with new living expenses: gas cards, grocery cards, flight tickets, and more. It has since tripled attendance with 180 golfers and raised \$20,000 in 2023.

"I feel outstanding today," says David. "This is about me giving back and providing what I can. I can't say thank you enough to all of the teams at VGH."

 **To learn more about this and other stories in this report, visit vghfoundation.ca/impact**

CARING FOR ALL OF BC

Direct impact on patient care

VGH, UBC HOSPITAL
AND GF STRONG
SUPPORT BC WITH

2,100
PHYSICIANS

8,000
SUPPORT + HEALTH CARE STAFF



AT VGH, YOUR
GIFTS SUPPORT

27,000
INPATIENTS

19,000
SURGERIES

85,000
EMERGENCY VISITS

290,000
CLINIC VISITS



AT UBC HOSPITAL,
YOUR GIFTS
SUPPORT

5,300
INPATIENTS

6,500
SURGERIES

31,000
EMERGENCY VISITS

22,000
CLINIC VISITS



MAKING A LEAP

Thanks to donor funding, the new **Lung Evaluation and Assessment Program (LEAP)** was launched at VGH to help improve the health care journeys of patients and their families. Lung cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada and is responsible for 24% of cancer deaths. Since January 2022, the two-year pilot program has employed a nurse navigator (*above, Alexia Jones*) to support over 320 patients, families and caregivers through the entire treatment process, and has expedited and improved care for more than 30 patients requiring referral to the BC Cancer Agency. There has also shown to be a significant reduction in readmission rates and visits to the Emergency Department since the launch of the program.



RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

The Emergency Departments at VGH and UBC Hospital supported a **combined 116,000 visits** from people in need this past year, and donor funding is central to their ability to respond to complex and challenging emergency cases. Gifts like yours purchased equipment including a pediatric glidescope at UBC Hospital that facilitates intubation for children. VGH gained four new critical transport patient monitors for the trauma bay (\$36,669), improving timely transfers to scanning, operating rooms and the ICU to better treat patients, and vital tourniquet devices to occlude blood flow in patients in need of surgery (\$29,120).



CARING FOR OUR ELDERS

Studies show Canadian long-term care residents are experiencing significant social isolation, anxiety and longing for friends and family, made worse by the pandemic and leading to negative health consequences. The residents of Dogwood Lodge were able to participate in the **Virtual Reality Program in Long-Term Care** pilot project, using innovative Virtual Reality headsets as a therapeutic intervention. Participants were whisked away virtually to places of significant meaning—old homes, birthday parties, or places they always wanted to visit such as the Grand Canyon. It proved highly beneficial among the 80 residents, and if adopted, could potentially expand to the full 5,180 long-term care residents across VCH.

Thanks to you, these are only some of the remarkable programs, pieces of equipment, and critical research that are transforming health care for all British Columbians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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Thank you.

**CRUCIAL EQUIPMENT
AND RESEARCH FUNDED
BY YOUR GIFTS**

Wolf Urology Scopes \$280,410

Simulation manikins \$180,649

Home health monitoring study
\$75,000

Secondary brain injury study
\$75,000

ICU Beds \$56,082

Wound Care Chair \$39,904

AND MUCH MORE



Together, we are raising funds for the most specialized adult health care services and research for all British Columbians. Your gifts this year supported world-class health care teams spread across VGH, UBC Hospital, GF Strong Rehab Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, and Community Health Services.

Your gifts empower expert clinician-scientists and their teams across all spectrums of care, allowing them to improve and provide care to you, your loved ones and members of your community in their moments of need.

The fact is, your gifts invest in a future that would otherwise not be possible. You empower health care experts who work every single day to provide better care for us. From critical research that uncovers cures, to trials of cutting-edge treatments and making them the new standard, to purchasing state-of-the-art technology, and more.

Together, we transform health care for all British Columbians. And your gifts bring us one step closer to a healthier future. Thank you.