



Welcome to the Summer Edition of our newsletter. We are thrilled to share some exciting updates and inspiring stories that highlight the progress and impact of our collective efforts.

Together, we are making a difference in the lives of patients, long-term care residents, and their families. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and generosity.

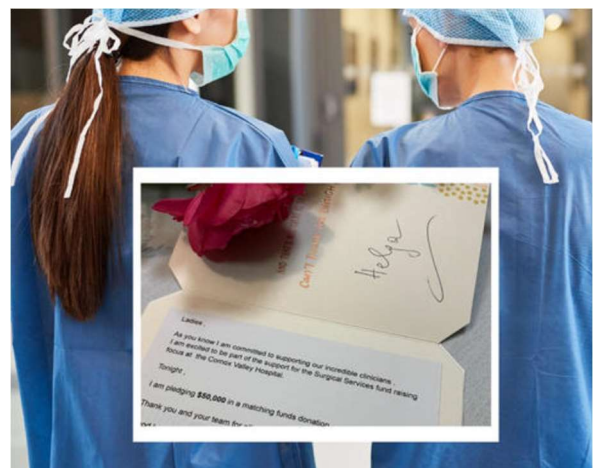
Gratefully,

The Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation Team

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## Celebrating the success of our surgical campaign

When we talk to our healthcare colleagues about philanthropy, they often share **how reassuring it is to have donor support**. During the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation's Golf Classic fundraiser, we received a heartfelt note from Helga, a philanthropist passionate about our community and doing everything she can to provide what is needed.



Dedicated to ensuring teams at the Comox Valley Hospital have top-of-the-line equipment to offer the best possible care in the Comox Valley, Helga saw an opportunity to inspire community members to be part of an important cause.

*"As you know I am committed to supporting our incredible clinicians. I am excited to be part of the support for the Surgical Services fundraising at the Comox Valley Hospital... I am pledging \$50,000 in a matching funds donation... and another \$50,000 once the community meets the challenge."*

Helga's pledge ignited excitement at the event, especially during the live auction. Thanks to her initiative, \$16,000 was raised through the auction and matched by Helga, leaving a substantial amount to double further donations for Surgical Services throughout the end of June and early July. Today, we are pleased to announce that we have reached \$50,000, which means \$150,000 will be directed to new surgical equipment! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Helga and all the generous donors who contributed.

To read more about our Surgical Services campaign, including an inspiring patient story, click on the link below.

## Surgical Services Campaign

## Providence Living at The Views opened its doors to residents on July 8th

From the vision conceived nearly a decade ago to construction, staff training, and community engagement, the Providence Living team has shown incredible courage and commitment. It has been an honour to support them and work with dedicated donors who care so deeply about this area of care and this healthcare site.



Providence Living at The Views officially opened their doors to residents on July 8. Everyone has been working hard to get settled in and the team has already observed positive change, as Denise describes below:

*"It brings me great pleasure to see even small changes in our residents and how they are **choosing** to spend their time. Getting up and enjoying a leisurely breakfast of made-to-order eggs and a side of fresh fruit or whatever they like is starting the day off on **their** right track. It is quite emotional for me to see someone meandering through the courtyard, on their way to help themselves to a cup of coffee and snack in the bistro area or lounging on the bistro deck watching the eagles out front, or*

*having a chat with a neighbourhood friend. There are more of our residents enjoying the outdoor spaces than ever before and this is promoting mental and physical health."*

## **Denise McLellan, Director of Site Operations**

We invite our community to learn more about this transformative project through recent news stories and a video linked on our website.

[Learn More](#)



## **Celebrating Jim Peacock**

Some of you may already know community member Jim Peacock, or perhaps you are familiar with his photography. Jim has lived in the Comox Valley for 20 years and has been a photographer for 70 years.

The Foundation was fortunate to have Jim volunteer his skills and time so generously in support of local healthcare for many years. A very significant project

## **Peninsula Co-op Cares**

Peninsula Co-op helped our Surgical Campaign get off to a great start by offering a \$10,000 match and we want to offer our sincere thanks to them and to donors who contributed so generously.

The Co-op match was quickly achieved and the campaign remained "revved up" and "fueled" with community spirit and love from start to finish.

that features a powerful image taken by Jim is the large banner on the Comox Valley Hospital parkade (pictured above with Jim in front).

We are deeply grateful for all of Jim's contributions to the Foundation and his commitment to serving the community.

We are happy to announce we are very close to achieving our goal to fund all of the priority needs for Surgical Services.

Thank you to every donor and to Peninsula Co-op for your vital community support.

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## Continuing education for cancer care nurses

Recently, nurses from the Cancer Care team were able to attend an oncology conference through the support of donors. They were grateful for this opportunity and shared the following message:

*"Our team at CVH Cancer Care would like to thank donors from the Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation. Because of your support, our team of nurses was able to attend the 2024 Vancouver Island Oncology Conference (VIONC) in Nanaimo.*



*This opportunity was immensely important for the Cancer Care unit as it provided the team with continuing education that enables us to provide our patients with the most current best practice care that they deserve. It also serves as an opportunity to network, in person, with our counterparts from other cancer care clinics from Vancouver Island.*

***We are passionate about providing our patients with the best possible care and support through their cancer journey, and opportunities like VIONC serve to strengthen our ability to achieve this goal."***

Photo (left to right): Registered nurses from the Cancer Care Department at CVH - **Janice, Laura, Ali, Elise, and Jessica**

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