

**Victoria Hospitals Foundation Issues Warning
about Fraudulent Phone Solicitors**

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For Immediate Release

Victoria, BC – Today the Victoria Hospitals Foundation was notified that a resident of Victoria received a call last night requesting a donation to the Foundation in order to provide items for the new Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation would like to clarify that we never solicit donations by phone.

If anyone receives a call from someone claiming to represent the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and soliciting funds, they are encouraged to notify the Better Business Bureau in Victoria at 250-386-6348.

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to enable donations to Vancouver Island's two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Every year we fund 40 per cent of capital equipment purchases for these hospitals, and last year this amounted to more than \$6 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 752,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$70 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-414-6688 or go to www.victoriahf.ca.

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