Recently, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation was honoured to be the subject matter for a photography workshop offered by Lúz Centre for the Photographic Arts, led by award-winning photographer Quinton Gordon. The objective of the course was for the students to learn how to photograph for non-profits in a way that helps benefit their fundraising efforts. In return for arranging access to our hospitals, all images from the shoot have been donated to the Foundation for exclusive use in our promotional materials.

Students photographed in various departments of the Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals capturing inspiring images of patients and caregivers.

Photographing people in a hospital can be very challenging and requires a lot of sensitivity and compassion — many thanks to Quinton Gordon, students Gary Utley and Cameron Wrigley, and all the patients who participated!

Since 2008, Quinton has been contributing his time and expertise to the Foundation’s efforts to capture strong and compelling images within our hospitals, beginning with a photo shoot alongside Canada’s premiere award-winning photographer, Ted Grant, in 2008.
Hand-knit Teddy Bears
Comfort Young Patients

For many years, Joan Jolson, Jocelyn and Diana Hocking, and Linnet Murray have been creating adorable hand-knit teddy bears for children hospitalized at Victoria General — more than 320 bears have been donated to date! A hospital visit can be traumatic for children, and the Child Life program helps to address this reality by providing children with kits containing small toys, books, and other amusements to turn a potentially scary experience into a positive one. Parents really appreciate the gesture as well, as these small, fun distractions can make a big difference — a big thanks to Joan, Jocelyn, Diana, and Linnet!
For the first time in 25 years, Victoria will have a new hospital.

As one of the most significant health care developments in the history of the capital region, this 500-bed, eight-storey new hospital will support multiple areas of care, including cardiac, rehabilitation, cancer, and mental health. This state-of-the-art medical facility will not only ensure that the health care needs of our region are met, but will attract and retain expert medical professionals from around the world. Already gaining international attention for its leading-edge design, the Patient Care Centre is also designed to achieve LEED® gold certification, the highest of environmental standards.

All elements of the Patient Care Centre have been carefully designed to promote healing and encourage a faster recovery process for all patients. Over 80 per cent of patients will enjoy single-occupancy rooms and private bathrooms, and all patients will have access to fresh air and natural light. Patients will also benefit from the thoughtful inclusion of spacious family visiting areas and beautifully landscaped outdoor gardens.

“This new health care facility will provide our community with the most advanced medical technology available and the best possible care, while satisfying the increasing demands placed upon our hospitals,” says Dr. Marilyn Bater, medical director Seniors Health and department head, Geriatrics.

With the Patient Care Centre, Royal Jubilee will be the first hospital in the world to have an elder-friendly inpatient facility. Every detail, from the carefully placed handrails and lighting in patient rooms to special non-slip, colour-contrasting floor surfaces, will contribute to a healing, therapeutic environment that thoughtfully protects patients and allows for independent mobility. Wireless communication devices enable patients to conveniently and safely connect with caregivers instantly from their beds. Leading-edge technology, such as the use of Smart Beds and patient lifts in every room, will increase safety and comfort.

This award-winning building will be open for patients in March 2011.
Victoria Hospitals Foundation Launches Capital Campaign to Equip the New Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation is continuing its tradition of supporting excellence in health care with the launch of our Building Care Together capital campaign in support of the new Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Building Care Together will raise funds to ensure that, when its doors open in the spring of 2011, our new hospital reaches its full potential, and is equipped with all the medical equipment and patient care supports needed to achieve the best possible outcome for each of its patients.

This new hospital will replace existing inpatient rooms at Royal Jubilee that are over 120 years old. The Patient Care Centre will be the anchor of the Royal Jubilee Hospital site, bringing together several inpatient facilities and uniting them in one innovative, world-class facility. Construction of the Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital is nearing completion.

This is the most ambitious campaign in the Foundation’s history — and one of the most important. It will be co-chaired by the Honourable Ted Hughes, Q.C., O.C. and Ms. Leslee Farrell, along with a team of community leaders who are deeply committed to the future of health care on Vancouver Island.

“We are proud to be co-chairing this important campaign for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation. From the beginning, the Foundation has succeeded because of the generosity of our community. Your support led to the success of its two previous capital campaigns, both of which exceeded their goals. And your support of the Building Care Together campaign will be another important investment in the future of health care in our community, one that will benefit thousands of people.”

— Ted Hughes, Q.C., O.C., and Leslee Farrell
Co-chairs, Building Care Together campaign

Time and time again, the generosity and involvement of our community have contributed to considerable advances in our health care services. Innovative, comprehensive, and high-quality health care can be a reality for our community — but we must work together to achieve these goals.

Together, we have an opportunity to contribute to a hospital that is unequalled. A hospital that will provide an optimum caring environment for patients and for the staff who work there. This legacy of quality health care will help tens of thousands of people for decades to come. The time to help has never been better — and the reason for giving, never more compelling.
Meet Our New Board of Directors

Our 2010-2011 board of directors includes four new members, while Starr McMichael — a member of the board since 2005 — returns for her second term as board chair. Rick Anthony, Manjit Bains, Kim Hesketh, and Gordon Macatee are the new board members.

“We are thrilled to welcome such bright and talented individuals with such an impressive range of skills and experience to the board,” said McMichael. “It is an honour to have these outstanding individuals on the Victoria Hospitals Foundation board as we work towards our goal of raising funds to support priority medical equipment needs and special projects at Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals.”

EXECUTIVE

Starr McMichael, chair, is president of Starrboard Enterprises and the Chamber of Commerce designate for the Tourism Victoria destination marketing committee. She is past vice chair of Tourism Victoria.

Rod Dewar, vice chair, is president and chief executive officer of Island Savings Credit Union. Previously, he was senior vice president and chief operating officer for BCAA. He currently serves on the board of directors for Credential Securities.

Gary Sorenson, secretary, is vice president, retail operations for Thrifty Foods, responsible for 26 stores across Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Prior to that, he was a senior director for Sobeys West in Edmonton.

Lance Abercrombie, treasurer, is a partner with Burkett & Abercrombie Chartered Accountants and a former senior manager at KPMG Victoria. He is vice chair of the board of advisors to the Faculty of Business, University of Victoria.

MEMBERS

Rick Anthony, new to the board, is a detective in the Investigative Services Division for the Victoria Police Department. He has been a member of the steering committee for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation’s Visions gala since 2002.

Manjit Bains, new to the board, is vice president, corporate relations and corporate secretary to the board, Consumer Protection BC. She has held senior positions in the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Dwane Ford is vice president and branch manager with RBC Dominion Securities. He participates in the University of Victoria mentor program, United Way, Help-Fill-a-Dream Foundation, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Kim Hesketh, new to the board, recently retired as vice president and general manager for Rogers Broadcasting in Victoria. He is a director of the board for the Victoria Coats for Kids Association.

Alan Lowe is principal with Alan Lowe Architect Inc. and is a former mayor of Victoria. He is the chair of the Greater Victoria Spirit Committee Society.

Gordon Macatee, new to the board, was recently appointed head of the British Columbia Ferry Commission, effective May 2011. He is a former deputy minister of Health Services for BC, and also operates an independent management consulting business in Victoria.

Joe Murphy is vice president, operations and support services for the Vancouver Island Health Authority. He serves on the boards for the United Way, HealthPro, and Oak Bay Lodge. He is our VIHA designate representing President and CEO, Howard Waldner.

Dr. Dorothy “Sam” Williams is vice-chief of Geriatric Medicine for the Vancouver Island Health Authority, chief of staff for the South Island region, and acting chief of staff for Vancouver Island. She is our board’s medical staff representative for VIHA.

John Williams, retired, was executive vice president of operations for Fairmont Raffles Hotels. He is a former general manager of the Fairmont Empress Hotel and was board chair of Tourism British Columbia.

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Events on Our Behalf
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BUTTERFLY PLACES AND PUMPKIN FACES
The 3rd annual open house at Butterfly Gardens raised more than $4,700 for the Pediatric Department at Victoria General Hospital. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed this fabulous annual event!

HMCS VANCOUVER
A big thank you to the crew aboard the HMCS Vancouver who helped Sergeant Ken Munro, Senior Firefighter, raise $2,200 by providing on-board haircuts in support of the Firefighters Burn Fund!

DRIVE FOR THE CURE GOLF
Many thanks to Lark Group who raised $25,000 in support of Cancer Care. Proceeds came from the first annual tournament at Olympic View in Victoria and the longstanding Vancouver tournament. Bravo for hosting two fantastic days for a deserved cause!

THANK YOU UPLANDS GOLF CLUB!
This summer the Uplands Golf Club raised $110,000 for Cardiac Care at Royal Jubilee through the Times Colonist Open and the Uplands Heart Tournaments, bringing their cumulative total over the past three decades to $1.7 million! Special congratulations to the ladies of Uplands on celebrating the 30th Anniversary of their Heart Tournament this year!

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