

Community Connection Health Foundation Donates \$13,780 to Cardiac Care at Royal Jubilee Hospital

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For Immediate Release

Victoria - The Pacific Blue Cross Community Connection Health Foundation has donated \$13,780 towards the Coronary Care Unit at Royal Jubilee Hospital. This gift will fund a new 4-Channel IV Pump that provides medication to manage a patient's heart and cardiovascular system.

Royal Jubilee's Coronary Care Unit is an eight-bed unit for critically ill cardiac patients who are unstable and require intensive monitoring and interventions. Examples include patients recovering from heart attack, cardiac arrest, heart failure and arrhythmias. The new 4-Channel IV Pump delivers fluids into a patient's body in controlled amounts, and enables caregivers to provide up to four medications to a patient at the same time.

"We would like to thank Pacific Blue Cross for funding this urgently-needed IV Pump for the Coronary Care Unit at Royal Jubilee Hospital," said Gord Macatee, Board Chair for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation. "Royal Jubilee has one of the top-rated cardiology programs in the country, and this would not be possible without the generous support of our donors."

Pacific Blue Cross has been British Columbia's leading benefits provider for more than 75 years. Their Community Connection Health Foundation supports programs and community organizations striving to improve health outcomes in the areas of mental health and chronic disease in British Columbia.

"We are proud to provide support to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation to improve chronic disease management," said Richard Taylor, Chair of the Community Connection Health Foundation. "Our funding of a new 4-channel IV pump reflects our commitment to improving health care at the community level."

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with Island Health to enable donations to Vancouver Island's two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Last year we raised \$10 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 765,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised nearly \$107 million to benefit our hospitals. To learn more, visit www.victoriahf.ca.

About Pacific Blue Cross and the Community Connection Health Foundation:

Pacific Blue Cross has been British Columbia's leading benefits provider for more than 75 years. Our comprehensive understanding of health care fuels our commitment to service. Together with our subsidiary BC Life, we provide health, dental, life, disability and travel coverage for approximately 1.5 million British Columbians through employee group plans and individual plans for those who do not have coverage with their employers. We continue to respond to customers' needs in plan design, administration and technology.

Our Community Connection Health Foundation provides support for organizations in our community that help improve outcomes in the area of chronic disease and mental illness. We have also created structures within our organization to support employee volunteerism and fundraising, education and to monitor our organization's environmental footprint. Visit www.pac.bluecross.ca/company/community.

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