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VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$3.2 MILLION FOR CARDIAC CARE

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Victoria, B.C. – A campaign to raise \$3.2 million to purchase 34 pieces of leading-edge equipment for seven areas of cardiac care was launched today by the Victoria Hospitals Foundation. Board Chair Bruce Dyck announced the campaign called *In a Heartbeat: Everyday Miracles*. Equipment to be funded includes a \$1.7 million heart catheterization laboratory C-arm for Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH). The Campaign for Cardiac Care will continue through to February 2018 with the Foundation telling the stories of the Heart Health team and the patients they serve.

“For the past 30 years Royal Jubilee Hospital has been a national leader in cardiac care and home to Vancouver Island’s Heart Health Centre of Excellence,” said Dyck. “The equipment that will be purchased through this campaign will make sure the cardiac team has the best tools possible so they can quickly provide precise diagnosis and life-saving care. Royal Jubilee is a referral centre for cardiac care and thousands of patients throughout Vancouver Island and British Columbia will benefit from this equipment for years to come.”

The Heart Health team assesses more than 200,000 patients every year. Annually, about 6,300 cardiac procedures are performed at Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals. These include open-heart surgeries, angiograms and angioplasties, electrophysiology procedures and cardiac device insertions. The equipment that will be purchased through this campaign will:

- increase capacity and efficiency so medical teams can provide more critical procedures and better access for patients,
- allow caregivers to have higher-definition images for quicker and more precise diagnosis,
- reduce radiation exposure for both patients and caregivers, and
- allow for emergency diagnosis and treatment of patients even if they are at a remote hospital.

Joining Bruce Dyck for the announcement were Dr. Manjeet Mann, Island Health’s Executive Medical Director of Heart Health, and cardiologists Dr. Karan Shetty and Dr. Della Siega.

“In their continual drive to bring patients the best care possible our cardiac team has become an incubator for innovation, working every day for breakthroughs that continually elevate standards of cardiac care in our community,” said Mann. “The doctors, nurses, technicians and administrators who work at RJH form a nimble and responsive team and provide care that wraps around the patient and is tailored to each person’s specific care needs. Each day they work in sync to create everyday miracles so patients can go home to their families sooner.”

“Heart disease is still one of the leading causes of death in Canada,” added Dr. Shetty. “No two patients are the same and many times the care needed is of an urgent nature. This new equipment will help thousands of our patients in all areas of cardiac care, from their diagnosis and treatment right through to their recovery and rehabilitation.”

Dr. Della Siega said, “My team and I rely on this equipment to perform procedures that save lives. I cannot say enough how inspiring it is for us all to know we have the support of our community to help fund equipment that allows us to do this complex and delicate work.”

Cardiac patient and author of the book “*A Woman’s Guide to Living with Heart Disease*” Carolyn Thomas also attended the announcement and spoke about her cardiac experience. “In 2008 I had a heart attack and ended up at the emergency department at RJH. Dr. Mann quickly diagnosed my condition and I received a stent that helped me begin my journey back to health. I am so grateful for the care I received at RJH from this talented team.”

Contributions can be made by donating online at www.victoriahf.ca, calling 250-519-1750 or mailing a donation to Wilson Block, 1952 Bay Street, Victoria BC, V8R 1J8.

To learn more about *In a Heartbeat: Everyday Miracles* and read stories from former patients please visit: www.victoriahf/inaheartbeat. A list of equipment that will be funded through the campaign is attached.

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

The 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 more than \$7 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 785,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$128 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit www.victoriahf.ca.

2017 CAMPAIGN FOR CARDIAC CARE

MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

The latest Victoria Hospitals Foundation campaign will focus on cardiac care and will help raise \$3.2 million to fund priority equipment and a special project for the Heart Health program at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Below, please find the list of items that will be purchased as a result of this campaign.

Equipment	Cost
Heart Catheterization Laboratory C-arm	\$1,750,000
Cardiac Short Stay Unit Renovation	\$600,000
Echocardiogram Reporting System	\$180,000
Telemetry System	\$100,000
Echocardiogram Ultrasound	\$100,000
Cardiac Rhythm Monitor	\$33,000
Cardiac Transport Monitor	\$30,000
Electrocardiogram Machine	10 needed at \$20,000 each
Heart Retractor	\$20,000
Heart Bypass Heater Unit	2 needed @ \$19,000 each
Recliner Chairs	10 needed at \$9,500 each
Patient Stretchers	5 needed at \$5,000 each



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