

## Community Connection Health Foundation Donates \$36,066 to Kidney Treatment

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Victoria - The Pacific Blue Cross Community Connection Health Foundation has donated \$36,066 to purchase four new Electric Dialysis Chairs for Royal Jubilee Hospital. This donation is part of the *Building Care Together* campaign, and will support patients with acute kidney failure and patients living with kidney disease.

Dialysis is a life-sustaining treatment for patients experiencing kidney failure. Two of the new chairs are for Royal Jubilee's Renal Unit, where patients can spend up to six hours a day, four times a week using these chairs while receiving dialysis treatment. The other two chairs will support Island Health's Home Dialysis Unit, where patients are trained to perform dialysis in their home.

"We are very thankful for the Community Connection Health Foundation's generous gift towards the Renal Unit at Royal Jubilee Hospital," said Leslee Farrell, Chair of the *Building Care Together* campaign. "These new dialysis chairs will ensure patients are comfortable and relaxed while receiving the best possible medical treatment right here in our community."

Pacific Blue Cross has been British Columbia's leading benefits provider for more than 70 years. The primary purpose of their Community Connection Health Foundation is to support programs and community organizations striving to improve health outcomes in the areas of mental health and chronic disease in British Columbia.

"Our Foundation wants to make a meaningful and healthy difference in the lives of British Columbians," said Richard Taylor, Chair of the Community Connection Health Foundation Board of Directors. "We welcome the opportunity to support the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's endeavours to meet the healthcare needs of the community."

Royal Jubilee's Renal Unit is the main dialysis centre for all hemodialysis patients on Vancouver Island. The new Electric Dialysis Chairs will help thousands of patients receiving kidney treatment at Royal Jubilee in the years to come.

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### **About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and the Building Care Together campaign:**

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. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised nearly \$97 million to benefit our hospitals. Building Care Together is the third and most ambitious campaign in the Foundation's history. The campaign has raised funds to support the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment for the new Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital. For more information, please call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit [www.buildingcare.ca](http://www.buildingcare.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 70 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](http://www.pac.bluecross.ca/company/community).

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