

### Victoria General Hospital Auxiliary donates \$12,388 to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation for new stretcher at VGH

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Victoria - The Victoria General Hospital Auxiliary has donated \$12,388 towards the Emergency Department at Victoria General Hospital (VGH). This gift will help fund a new stretcher for transporting and assessing patients in Emergency and Trauma Care.

Stretchers see high volume and usage, and require regular replacement to ensure patient comfort and ease of moving. This new stretcher is specifically designed for the illnesses and injuries seen in Emergency Care.

“The transport stretcher is easily adjustable for providing medical assessment and treatment like CPR,” said Dr. Brian Farrell, Site Chief for Emergency Medicine at VGH. “The Emergency Department treats almost 60,000 patients a year, and the ability to transport them quickly and safely is essential to providing the highest levels of patient care.”

Victoria General Hospital Auxiliary is a charitable society of members who run the gift shop and organize various fundraising initiatives for equipment purchases at VGH. For the past two years, the Auxiliary has generously supported the Victoria Hospitals Foundation through *Poinsettias4Patients*, a Christmas plant sale campaign which has raised almost \$20,000.

“We are a diverse group of women and men dedicated to supporting our hospital through community service and volunteer work,” said Valerie Smith, President of the VGH Auxiliary. “We are so happy being able to work with the Victoria Hospitals Foundation to support this new equipment, and we hope it will make a big difference for patients in the Emergency Department.”

#### **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 \$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. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit [www.victoriahf.ca](http://www.victoriahf.ca).

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