

TB Vets Charitable Foundation makes \$25,000 donation to Victoria Hospitals Foundation

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Victoria, BC – The TB Vets Charitable Foundation has donated \$25,000 to the Victoria Hospitals Foundation to purchase an urgently needed transport ventilator for Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Ventilators are critical equipment for patients who are unable to breathe on their own following disease, trauma or surgery. When patients are transferred within the hospital, the transport ventilator will be used to offer continuous breathing support while they are moved.

“The new ventilator will be used to help patients breathe during transport from the emergency department to medical imaging and other diagnostic areas in the hospital, ventilating patients safely at all times during the transfer”, says Hans Crljenkovic, Acting Manager for Respiratory Therapy Services at Island Health. “The new equipment is replacing an 11-year-old machine and will allow medical teams to care for patients using either invasive or non-invasive customizable technology, improving patient comfort and reducing costs.”

TB Vets Charitable Foundation serves all of British Columbia by funding respiratory equipment, research and support. The organization raises funds through the TB Vets Key Tag Campaign and other fundraising initiatives. Since 1982, TB Vets has donated nearly \$1,361,000 through the Victoria Hospitals Foundation to Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals, helping countless patients receive state-of-the-art respiratory care.

“TB Vets Charitable Foundation has made a tremendous impact in our hospitals over the years,” says Victoria Hospitals Foundation Board Chair, John Madden. “Their ongoing commitment has helped ensure patients with respiratory conditions have access to the best equipment and technology available. On behalf of all the patients they have helped, I would like to say thank you.”

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About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to enable donations to Vancouver Island’s two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Last year, we raised nearly \$7 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 more than \$121 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit www.victoriahf.ca.