

PORTFOLIO REPORT 2020-21

MENTAL HEALTH

Victoria Hospitals Foundation and Island Health

Each year, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation (VHF) and Island Health partner to determine priority equipment needs in our hospitals. Capital Finance receives equipment requests from the departments and creates a list of approved equipment. With the help of this list, VHF develops campaign themes. In addition, we aim to align donors' wishes with the needs of the department. In fiscal 2020/21, we committed \$8,231,047 to equipment, special projects, education, and research supporting Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals and Island Health as a whole. Annually, the Foundation funds more than 100 pieces of equipment to support all 11 areas of care, or 40% of new equipment in our hospitals. Find out more at victoriahf.ca

Donor-Funded Equipment

In 2020/21, VHF disbursed almost \$20,000 to fund equipment for Mental Health.

Capital #	Equipment/Project	Department
18RJ084	Mattresses	RJH PCC 2NE & 2NW
19VMH330	Light therapy lamps	
20RJ013	Rotational Tilt Wheelchair	RJH PCC 2SE
21RJ118	Souper Meals	Mental Wellness Day Program
FCH2919	Safety Upgrades	VGH 4 C/D
	Recumbent Bicycles	RJH
	Safe Supply Research Project	Research

Caring Spirits

The *Caring Spirit* program gives people the chance to recognize a special caregiver, employee, or entire team by making a donation in their name towards priority medical equipment. The honouree(s) receive recognition from their supervisors and peers, a special *Caring Spirit* pin, and a letter of congratulations. VHF also recognizes them on our social media channels.

Mental Health was recognized with three *Caring Spirits* in 2020/21:

- Jessica Newcombe, RN
- RJH PCC 1 South
- RJH PCC 2 North



Campaigns in Support

Equipped to Heal

In May 2021, VHF launched Equipped to Heal, a \$1M campaign to fund Mental Health and Substance Use in Greater Victoria. The goal is to fund equipment for the recently opened Sub-Acute Unit on 5B in the Eric Martin Pavillion. This fourteen bed unit is home to a specialized team of care providers who focus on a recovery-oriented approach and psychosocial rehabilitation. Patient interactions and program delivery will incorporate patient choice, culture safety and humility, trauma-informed care, harm reduction, family engagement and gender diversity.

Hospital Heroes of Victoria

March 2020 saw a change in the way we do things, in everyday life and in healthcare, around the world and here in Greater Victoria. To support our local healthcare heroes, we launched the Hospital Heroes of Victoria campaign to support our 7,900 care providers and staff at Royal Jubilee, Victoria General, and Gorge Road hospitals. We want to ensure they have what they need to provide world-class care—to protect and maintain it through our current challenges and into the future.

MHSU Hero Award

Island Savings has generously partnered with VHF by committing \$120,000 for the recently completed *Equipped to Heal* Campaign. Part of this commitment is recognizing outstanding Mental Health and Substance Use staff member in Island Health. The *MHSU Hero Award* will given out quarterly over the span of three years, from September 2021 to June 2024. This is peers recognizing peers. Nominations for employee excellence are collected and a committee comprised of other MHSU staff reviews them. We are so grateful to Island Savings and to the volunteer committee for helping VHF and Island Health recognize our exception MHSU team members.

For details on this award or to put in a nomination, please contact Matthew Watson at Matthew.Watson@islandhealth.ca.



We see you. We thank you.
Our community stands with you.



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