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## Upping our Game

IF YOU WALK AROUND LIONS GATE HOSPITAL CAMPUS, progress is evident at every turn. Infrastructure upgrades, new equipment and a much heralded mental health facility are among the donor-driven achievements we have celebrated this year.

Just a few weeks ago, the Denis & Joan Creighton Outpatient Care Centre opened, vastly improving the patient visit experience. Thanks to your considerate donations, patients now have a larger, more user-friendly facility that will make hospital visits more comfortable and less time consuming. (See page 5 for details.)

In March, the Carlile Youth Concurrent Disorders Centre opened on the third floor of The HOpe Centre. The 10-bed unit, which provides short-term care for young people, is the first facility in B.C. to treat youth with both acute mental illness and addiction use issues. (See page 7 for details.)

Your support has also made possible the purchase of the new \$1.125-million fluoroscopy and digital X-ray unit which will be installed and operational early in the New Year. The equipment will increase the hospital's X-ray capacity by 50% and allow for faster diagnosis and speedier access to treatment.

The biggest project of all is one that will have a profound impact on the delivery of health care in our community. Our \$100-million campaign to build the state-of-the-art LGH Medical & Surgical Centre will bring life-changing care to you and everyone on the North Shore. With advanced medical technology, private rooms, shorter wait times and a modern therapeutic environment, patients and their families will experience the benefits of health care designed for the 21st Century.

We know that \$100 million is an ambitious goal but as our most recent milestones have shown, our community cares deeply about health care and our donors are entirely committed to building a stronger, healthier community. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to those of you who have already supported this campaign. With your contributions, we are well on our way to our goal.

We hope that each and every one of you will consider how you can support this campaign that will have a positive impact on health care on the North Shore for decades to come. (See page 10 for details.)

Like the community it serves, Lions Gate Hospital is changing, growing and flourishing and we sincerely hope that you will continue to support the Foundation in its quest to ensure that our family, friends,

neighbours and everyone in the wider community has timely access to the best care possible in their time of need.



*Pierre Lebel*

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Cover and inset Claudette Carracedo, (right) LGHF  
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## Thanks a Million



2017 Gala Committee

**THE SMILES WERE AS BRIGHT** as the Pucci decorations at the 17th Annual Lions Gate Hospital Gala held at the Capilano Golf & Country Club in May.

Thanks to the stellar efforts of Gala Committee Chair, Catherine Konantz and the Gala Organizing Committee, an amazing \$1,132,668 (net) was raised at the event, which was hosted by CTV news anchor Mike Killeen.

The funds will go directly to build the new state-of-the-art LGH Medical & Surgical Centre, which is due to open on the Lions Gate Campus in 2022. (See page 10 for details.)

Lions Gate Hospital Foundation extends a special thank you to presenting sponsor Goldcorp and all of our sponsors, donors and volunteers who came together to create a vibrant and successful evening of philanthropy. ■

## LOVE WAS IN THE AIR

**MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ASIAN** community came together to show their love for Lions Gate Hospital Foundation (LGHF) by raising \$120,000 (net) at the 2nd Annual LGH Community Cares Gala. Close to 200 guests attended the evening, which was held on Chinese Valentine's Day, on February 11, at Capilano Golf & Country Club.

The elegant evening was organized by the Foundation's Asian Advisory Committee, led by Co-chairs Bill Yee and Andy Kai, and emceed by Omni TV anchor Karen So. Funds raised were designated for the North Shore Hospice Expansion Campaign, which will turn the hospice into a palliative care hub for the North Shore. ■



Asian Advisory Committee

## Tee and Philanthropy

**SPORTING LEGENDS, PRISTINE GREENS** and great food greeted players at Lions Gate Hospital Foundation's 21st Annual Golf Classic which raised an impressive \$522,432 (net).

More than 140 golfers attended the event held at the Capilano Golf & Country Club in June to support the \$100-million campaign to build the LGH Medical & Surgical Centre. Legendary BC Lions fullback Sean Millington, Whitecaps idol Carl Valentine and former Canucks goaltender Kirk McLean presided over the putting contest and local restaurants and breweries ensured that the players were well fuelled throughout the day.

Many thanks to Golf Committee Chair, Jamie Switzer, the Golf Organizing Committee, and our sponsors, donors and volunteers who ensured that the Golf Classic was once again a great success. ■



LGHF Golf Committee

## BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BETTER

LIKE A PATIENT with a replacement knee and successful rehab, the new Denis & Joan Creighton Outpatient Care Centre (OCC) has been given a new lease on life.

For more than 18 months a construction crew has been working on LGH's main floor to rebuild the centre, which treats up to 20,000 patients a year who come through the Pre-Surgical Screening Unit, the Joint Replacement Access Clinic and Rapid Access Spinal Clinic.

With an improved layout and more floor space, planners have been able to create 17 new examination rooms—12 more than the previous facility. Amenities include adapted rooms for patients with spinal injuries and patients with joint issues. These special exam rooms will make it more comfortable for patients suffering from painful injuries and mobility issues and easier for staff to provide treatment in a room adapted to the needs of the patient.

In addition, patient-focused care will see specialists and staff visit patients in the new consultation rooms rather than having patients travel to several departments around the hospital for different tests and appointments.



After 20 months in rehab the Denis & Joan Creighton Outpatient Care Centre was re-opened for business in September.

The new centre has been named in memory of Denis and Joan Creighton, long-time supporters of Lions Gate Hospital Foundation and North Shore residents. Their exceedingly generous estate gift of \$2.5 million was given to support the revitalization of an area of the hospital that was close to their hearts.

The renovation of the OCC is the first stage of the \$8.5-million campaign to update and improve the busiest area in the hospital. Work has now begun on the second phase to redevelop the atrium to create a more welcoming and user-friendly environment for patients and visitors. ■

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS

**LIONS GATE** Hospital Foundation celebrated the exceptional work of staff and physicians at the 10th Annual Health Care Awards during a packed ceremony hosted at the hospital in January.

More than 40 staff members were nominated by their peers for the awards, which recognize workplace excellence throughout the LGH family of facilities in the categories of leadership, clinical practice, workplace inspiration and philanthropy.

Our 2017 Health Care Award winners include Corinne Beck, Unit Clerk for the Rehabilitation Unit, who was honoured with the **Workplace Inspiration Award**; Dr. David Critchley, who won the **Clinical Practice Award**;

Nelson Tung, RN, who was presented with the **Dr. Les Janz Leadership Award**; and Leanne Appleton, Former Director; Perioperative Services & Project Lead LGH Site Redesign, who was recognized by the Foundation with the **Spirit of Philanthropy Award**. ■



(Left to right): Dr. David Critchley, Corinne Beck, Karin Olson, COO for VCH Coastal Community of Care, Nelson Tung and Leanne Appleton.

*Each recipient received \$1,000, the admiration of colleagues and the appreciation of patients. You can read more about these award winners'*

*dedication and commitment to excellent patient care at [www.lghfoundation.com/events/10th-annual-northshore-health-care-awards](http://www.lghfoundation.com/events/10th-annual-northshore-health-care-awards).*



# Call for ARTISTS

LIONS GATE Hospital Foundation is calling on young artists to create a winning design for its 2017 Christmas card collection.

The chosen artist will see his or her design printed on 20,000 cards, which will be purchased by supporters to send to friends and family around the world. The winners will also receive a \$100 gift card to spend at Park Royal Shopping Centre.



Last year's winning design was created by North Vancouver Dorothy Lynas Elementary student Rosemary Gong.

Foundation judges are looking for bright, colourful festive artwork to celebrate the season and help raise thousands of dollars for Lions Gate Hospital.

The competition is open to Grade 4-12 students who live or study on

the North Shore. The closing date for submissions is 12 midnight on Monday, October 16, 2017. ■

For full details and competition rules, please go to: [www.lghfoundation.com/news/xmascards](http://www.lghfoundation.com/news/xmascards)

## HOSPICE EXPANSION UPDATE

A new hub for Every Day Counts, plus a Palliative Outpatient Clinic, will make the facility a first for B.C. *By Ann Collette*



**NORTH SHORE HOSPICE** is about to expand the reach of its many life-affirming programs for people living with life-limiting illnesses. Thanks to a \$2.3-million fundraising campaign, the Hospice will soon begin construction of a permanent home for its Every Day Counts (EDC) program and establish the North Shore's first-ever Palliative Care Outpatient Clinic.

Every Day Counts has long provided palliative patients on the North Shore with programs aimed at enhancing both physical and emotional well-being. After years of working largely out of borrowed spaces, the EDC program will

finally have a home of its own.

The new multi-functional EDC hub, which will adjoin the Hospice and its courtyard garden, is scheduled to open by the summer of 2018. In addition to meeting space for EDC programs, the centre will have its own entrance, an office for the EDC coordinator, and a reception/resource area where anyone can access information on programs.

EDC now has a full-time program coordinator, Liina McNeil, who brings a wealth of experience in palliative care to the program.

"Our medical system is set up to address the medical needs of

palliative patients," observes McNeil. "Our [the EDC] mission is to address palliative patients' psycho-social needs, from diagnosis right through bereavement.

"We feel that if you give people information, supports and skills right from the beginning of their diagnosis, then as they transition through their illness, they are going to be better prepared. It helps take away a lot of the stress for patients and their families."

In addition to the new EDC centre, the Hospice expansion will include a new Palliative Care Outpatient Clinic.

"This new clinic will give palliative patients rapid access to the right care, right when they need it," says Dr. Peter Edmunds, co-senior medical director of Vancouver Coastal and regional medical director – home, community and palliative care. "Together, the Hospice, the new EDC facility, our dedicated EDC coordinator and the new outpatient clinic will form a comprehensive Campus of Palliative Care for the people of the North Shore and it will be the first facility of its kind in British Columbia." ■



## WHY WAIT TO GIVE?

Young donors find a variety of ways to give back to their hospital

A new generation of philanthropists is bringing its energy and compassionate spirit to support patient care at LGH. Short on disposable income, building their careers, raising young families or completing their studies, donors under 40 are still determined to play their part to ensure that their local community has access to health care that's fit for future generations.

When Christie Manlolo, a registered nurse with Pediatrics, saw that the unit needed more equipment, she teamed up with a colleague to host a fundraising prom. Despite their having little formal experience in fundraising, the event raised \$10,000 for the unit and her new identity as a fundraiser and philanthropist was born.

"I have seen the difference that money can make in the hospital," says Manlolo. "Not just by working here but having my children here

and having family members treated here. Lions Gate Hospital is not just a place where I work; it is a place that I am invested in."

Following the success of that first event, Manlolo became more involved in the work of the Foundation and is now co-chair of its Young Professionals Committee. The Committee's Nip/Tuck social event has grown every year since its inception in 2014. In August, the Nip/Tuck lawn bowling event raised \$42,392 (net) for the new LGH Medical & Surgical Centre.

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), made up of undergrads and secondary-school students, are working hard to emulate that success. In recent years the committee has raised close to \$10,000 through spring and Christmas fundraisers.



The Young Professionals Committee put on a lawn bowling tournament in August (above), while YAC hosted a car wash and bake sale in May (left).

## New Hope for Youth

Leone Carlile was the guest of honour at the launch of the Carlile Youth Concurrent Disorders Centre when it was officially opened in March. When the Youth Mental Health Campaign was launched a year earlier it united a community. Families that had struggled to find services for their children, mental health practitioners who saw the gaps in services, non-profits, companies and local philanthropists came together to support a facility that would integrate services for at-risk youth.

Fuelled by goodwill and a lead donation of \$2 million from Leone Carlile and her late husband Jack (who passed away in September 2016), the \$4.7 million



Leone Carlile, centre, officially opened the Carlile Youth Concurrent Disorders Centre in March.

required to build the unit was raised in just six months.

The facility, known as the Carlile Centre, provides short-term intensive care for youth aged 13 to 18 suffering from a combination of acute mental issues and substance-use challenges. As a regional centre of excellence, it will see teenaged patients referred from across the VCH Coastal Region including the North Shore, Vancouver, Richmond, the Sea-to-Sky Corridor and the Sunshine Coast. ■



# A Community We Can Count On

**OUR SUPPORT** comes from throughout the community from individuals and organizations that help us raise the funds we need to improve health care on the North Shore. Here's a snapshot of a diverse group of people who make a difference in our community.



## North Shore Quartet

The four Save-on-Foods stores in North Vancouver dedicated the month of May to supporting LGHF. They promoted the Medical & Surgical Centre in-store, collected donations at the check-out and hosted a Mexican fiesta fundraiser featuring a barbecue, tastings and in-store prizes. Through their combined efforts, the North Vancouver Save-on-Foods teams raised more than \$10,000 for the hospital.



## Calling Dr. Tough

Head of Cardiology at LGH, Dr. John Vyselaar, is one of the many physicians going above and beyond to support the building of the LGH Medical & Surgical Centre. Vyselaar gave up all the comforts of Fathers' Day to take part in the Whistler Tough Mudder adventure race and raise funds for the LGH Medical & Surgical Campaign. The father of two and his team of colleagues and friends jumped, ran, crawled and climbed a daunting 10-kilometre course to raise more than \$850.



## Trail Raisers

Local hiking group the Vancouver Beideng Society loves Lions Gate Hospital as much as it loves the trails and hills of the North Shore. During their recent hiking season members donated an amazing \$21,000 to show their support for the hospital.



## Vintage Volunteers

Following the success of the classic car collection at the Grand Farewell event to commemorate the old North Vancouver General Hospital in 2016, members of the B.C. Hot Rod Association decided they wanted to do more. In July members hosted Cruise the Shore, an invitational classic car event at Ambleside Park in West Vancouver, and raised close to \$3,000 for the new Medical & Surgical Centre.



## Circle of Friends

Through The Lions Gate Hospital Foundation Women's Giving Circle, a dynamic group of philanthropic women have donated close to \$200,000 to support unique projects and equipment needs at the LGH family of facilities. The group focuses its funding on staff-directed projects that have a significant impact on patient outcomes and standards of care. Neurology, Pediatrics, Home Health and Kiwanis Care Centre are just a few of the areas that have benefitted from the generosity of the Women's Giving Circle since 2014.

## Budding Friendship

Members of the Iranian-Canadian community came together in October 2016 at the First Blossom of Hope, a fundraiser in support of our Youth Mental Health Campaign. More than \$60,000 was raised by 100 supporters who attended the event held at the Chateau Versailles Design Centre in West Vancouver.



## At our Service

Fire and rescue services from the District and City of North Vancouver are active supporters of the hospital and they host numerous fundraising events every year to support patient care. In March, firefighters downed



their hoses and took over Denny's restaurant in North Vancouver to serve coffee and fill their boots with donations. The breakfast event raised more than \$500 with a further \$745 donated by Denny's.

## Lean, Keen Fundraising Machines

Fit Fellas West Vancouver have been long-time supporters and fundraisers for LGH. The fitness squad has donated thousands of dollars over the years and helped to improve care in many areas of the hospital. Most recently, they raised a spectacular \$29,550, through their annual Christmas party, which was donated towards the expansion of the North Shore Hospice.



## HOSTING YOUR OWN FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Are you inspired by the people on this page?** You too can support care at LGH by hosting your own fundraising event. Foundation staff will provide support and information to ensure your event has maximum impact. Check out the details our group fundraising project at [www.lghfoundation.com/get-involved/groupchampions](http://www.lghfoundation.com/get-involved/groupchampions). Raise a minimum of \$250 and you could star in our campaign to bring life-changing care to the North Shore. ■





Dr. Ross Brown in the the Garibaldi operating theatre. New operating rooms will be more spacious and easily adaptable for changing technology.

# ACUTE NEEDS

The LGH Medical & Surgical Centre will transform the delivery of acute care. Dr. Ross Brown explains why now is the time to start building for the future

Interview by Yolanda Brooks  
Photograph by Claudette Carracedo

**D**r. Ross Brown is not just the co-senior medical director at Lions Gate Hospital and a trauma and general surgeon. He's a physician who calls the North Shore home.

During his years as a military surgeon, he completed tours in Bosnia and Afghanistan. He's worked in Halifax and was involved

in the creation of local trauma services when he worked for Vancouver General. He was also seconded to VANOC in 2010 to manage the Whistler Polyclinic during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Today he combines his management role at LGH with front-line surgery.

In short, he's been around and seen a lot. He's been at LGH for

seven years now and he knows what works and how things need to change. For this reason, he agreed to share his thoughts on the new Medical & Surgical Centre at LGH.

**Q: Why can't we simply renovate the current acute care tower?**

BROWN: The building is more than 50 years old and there are so many issues with old infrastructure. You

can only keep pouring money just to optimize an old building [so long] before you say it is time to do something different.

**Does the North Shore need such a sophisticated new facility?**

LGH is such an important part of the VCH Coastal Community of Care. Not only does this campus serve the entire North Shore but it is the hub with the spokes going up the Sea-to-Sky corridor and the surrounding First Nation communities, out to the Sunshine Coast, up to Powell River and out to towns such as Bella Bella and Bella Coola on the Central Coast.

We have an obligation to support those rural and remote sites and that is another reason to make this hub state-of-the-art optimal. We have a huge role to play here.

**How does the current tower make it difficult to deliver best patient care?**

Our wards are definitely a challenge right now. They are very small, with four [beds] to a room and they are overcrowded. It is difficult to maintain optimal infection control with cramped rooms and shared bathrooms.

It is uncomfortable for staff too. There is a lack of space for them to carry out their caregiving duties and have easy access for the technology they need.

Our operating rooms are also pretty archaic. They are small and they are very compact, with lots of different equipment crammed in. As surgery and techniques have

changed over the years, most of our operating facilities have not moved fast enough with the times. We are ready for an upgrade for the next generation of medical care.

**What will be the biggest difference for patients?**

The healing environment is a critical part of the patient experience and the new facility will go a long way to getting patients into a better environment for their recovery. It will definitely have what is considered best practice for patient rooms. Single rooms will be quieter and provide more privacy and infection control measures will be strengthened.

When you are in a multi-patient room with someone who has an infection in their gut, for example, despite our best efforts, everyone else in the room is at increased risk. Also, having a sink in every room and having individual bathrooms allows us to provide optimal infectious control measures. That is a big issue for everyone.

The HOpe Centre showed [that] when you have a really great environment, really designed for patient care, people don't stay as long. They have fewer complications. You can provide an environment where they are going to recover quickly and that's going to be the blueprint for the Medical & Surgical Centre.

**You mentioned technology. What type of upgrades can we expect?**

Patients don't necessarily need a robot in every room but there is definitely a need for lots of computer



The MSC will allow patients more privacy.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

**T**he new LGH Medical & Surgical Centre will be built on the site of the old North Vancouver General Hospital, which was demolished in June. It will feature:

- **200,000 square feet** of space arranged across six floors.
- **108 single-patient rooms** which will provide more privacy, security and more space for private patient-physician meetings, family visits and rehabilitation activities.
- **Private rooms with ensuite bathrooms** to allow for optimal infection control.
- **State-of-the-art operating rooms** which can be adapted as medical technology changes.
- **Additional recovery rooms** and a surgical day care.
- Easily accessible **patient tracking technology** for staff who will be able to make instant updates to patient care.
- Interactive **health information technology** whereby patients can access their care plans and learn more about their medical conditions.
- A **restorative healing environment** that will speed up recovery times and reduce hospital stays.
- A purpose-built **Medical Device Sterilization Department** with dedicated freight elevators for the sterile transfer of operating-room devices.
- Improved building design incorporating **wider doors and hallways** to facilitate the smooth movement of patients and equipment. ■



The new Medical & Surgical Centre is due for completion in 2022.





With his \$25-million gift, Paul Myers got the ball rolling.

## FIRST MOVERS

When former owner of Keith Plumbing & Heating Paul Myers donated \$25 million to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in 2015, it kick-started an ambitious plan to regenerate the LGH campus with the building of a new high-tech Medical & Surgical Centre. The gift, which at the time was the largest of its kind given to any hospital in British Columbia, inspired other community leaders to take an active role and make significant pledges to the campaign.

Among our early donors, there were nine individuals, families and organizations that pledged \$1 million or more to the campaign. Included in this exclusive group is the Anderson family, whose members were motivated to make their first ever donation to the Foundation when they learned how the new centre would dramatically improve facilities.

“Giving is not just about making a donation. It’s about helping make a difference in the community,” says Jo-Anne Anderson. “If the money we donate helps LGH provide better patient care rooms, our wish will be fulfilled.”

Thanks to the commitment of a wide range of donors, the Foundation was able to launch the campaign knowing that it had already secured 50% of the funds needed to complete the project. We now need your support to help keep the momentum going. ■

*Every donation of every size counts and you too can join the campaign to bring life-changing care to the North Shore. Go online and donate at [www.lghfoundation.com](http://www.lghfoundation.com) or call 604-984-5785.*

**“Building a new acute centre is not simply about creating additional capacity; it is actually about creating more efficiencies.” – Dr. Ross Brown**

workstations so that staff can seamlessly complete their caregiving work and then move and do their online work without causing delays. Not only will staff have space to keep their electronic charts within reach, they will be able to come in, keep track of what’s going on with a patient in an environment that is comfortable and safe.

### What about new medical equipment?

If you look at the Emergency Department, we are in really great shape. It is a very smooth-running machine, with lots of facilities and equipment such as a great angio suite, a CT scanner and ultrasound. This is what we will be moving towards with the new operating rooms.

The operating rooms will become high-resource environments with inter-operative imaging. If a patient comes in who has been hit by a car and has multiple fractures, they will have CT scans, angiograms, et cetera, in the Emergency Department before they reach surgery.

But with the new, larger operating rooms, medical staff will have the space to use portable imaging devices to get up-to-the-minute images as they do the surgery.

### Will the new tower have enough beds to handle the growing population?

Building a new acute centre is not simply about creating additional capacity; it is actually about creating more efficiencies within the hospital and everything around the hospital from pre-hospital visits and post-operative care, to home support and the role of the family doctor.

Acute hospital care will be just one aspect of the patient journey. Future health care delivery in British Columbia will be much more focused on the community delivery of services and our aim is to get the patient out of the hospital as soon as we can.

We’re in the process of expanding the role of Home Support Services to help make this happen. If we can

save resources at the acute-care level, we will have more resources to do everything else.

### How will you achieve this?

I talked earlier about the new therapeutic environment for patients. While we intend to make patient stays more comfortable, we also want to make the stays much shorter. As you can imagine, a hospital stay is often very difficult for patients. It is a vulnerable time as they have lost control of their normal life.

We do a great job of disrupting patients’ sleep patterns and routines. We wake them every couple of hours, we leave their lights on, and have bells dinging—all things that we know totally disrupt patients and leave their cycles out of whack.

The less time you can be in an acute-care hospital the better, and a big part of our mission is to get people home sooner to a more restful environment.

### Why do you need the community to actively support the Medical & Surgical Centre?

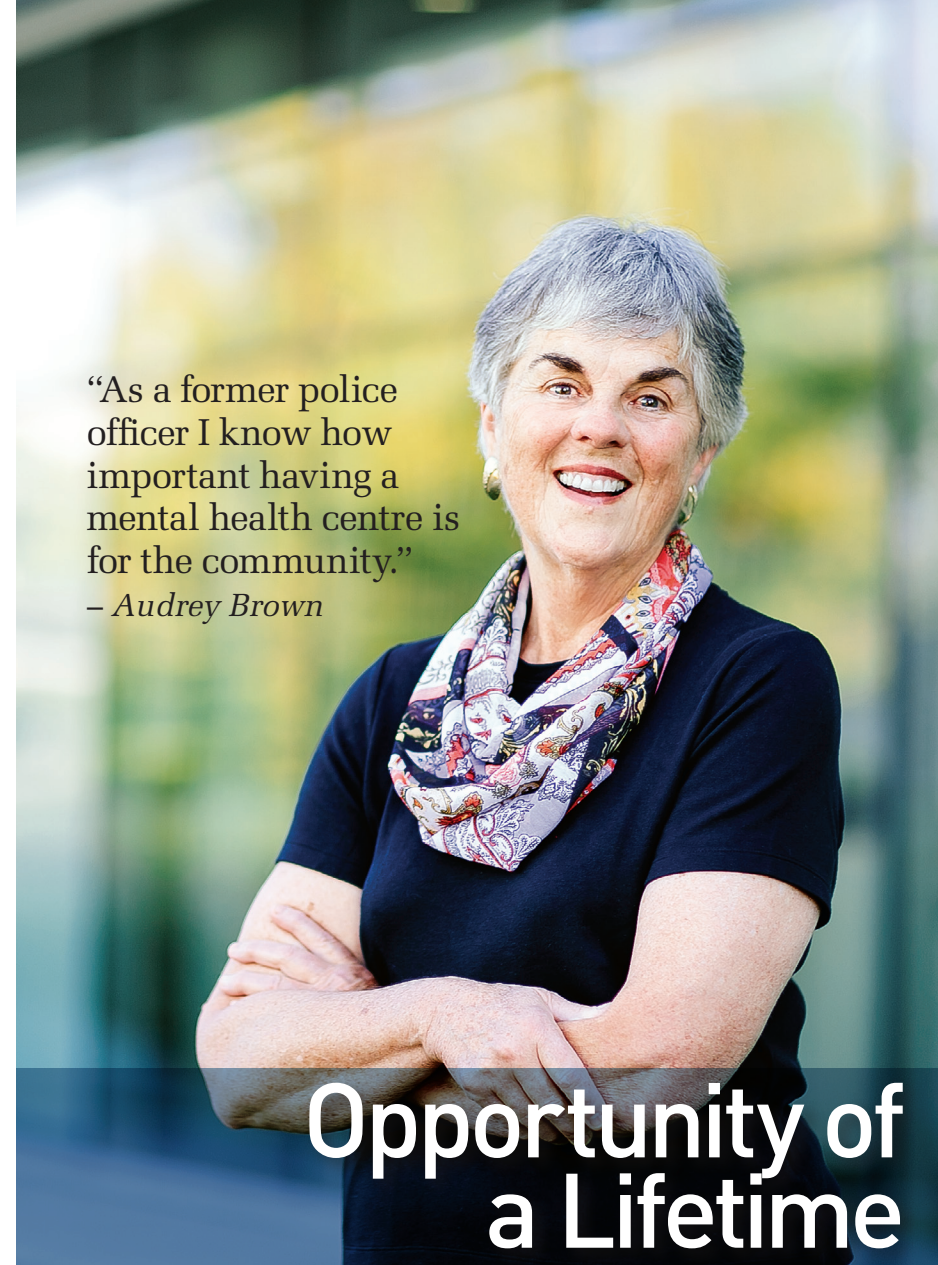
We know from past experience that we couldn’t do this if it wasn’t for the Foundation. Thanks to the Paul Myers donation, the Foundation was able to formulate a plan that works for our site and our community. Now we need the community to help us reach that \$100-million goal. We are more than halfway along and it is exciting to think that the Medical & Surgical Centre could be operational in just five years. Without this campaign, we could be waiting a lot longer to get a facility of this standard.

It is not just the wider community that needs to step up. Everyone who works at the hospital also has to embrace the concept of change to ensure we get something that will work for us and the wider community.

This is our community and for this to succeed everybody has to be involved. ■

**“As a former police officer I know how important having a mental health centre is for the community.”**

– Audrey Brown



## Opportunity of a Lifetime

Audrey Brown was inspired to give by the care her husband, David, received at LGH.

After David passed, Audrey honoured his memory by making two donations to the Foundation—one in David’s name and one in her own. It’s something she’s done every year for the past decade and will continue to do.

“I do it because I really want to. I think it’s really important,” says Audrey, who three years ago became even more engaged with LGH when she joined the Auxiliary.

She says that working with the LGH Auxiliary has given her special insight into the Foundation and its transformative projects, like The HOpe Centre and the new LGH Medical & Surgical Centre: “As a former police officer I know how important having a mental health centre is for the community, and I fully expect that once it’s built, the

How Audrey Brown’s home has given her the means to fulfill her wish to leave a substantial legacy gift to LGH By Ann Collette

**LIKE MANY NORTH SHORE** residents who bought their homes decades ago, Audrey Brown only discovered how much it had appreciated in value once she put it on the market. Suddenly, Audrey’s plan to leave a substantial legacy gift to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in recognition for the care she and her husband received became even easier than she thought.

Born and raised in North Vancouver, and a lifelong resident of the North Shore, Audrey served with the Vancouver Police Department for 28 years. After retirement from the force in 2003, she and her husband of 22 years, David, happily spent the next three years travelling the world. However, in 2006, a new journey began when David was diagnosed with advanced esophageal cancer.

While Audrey says the couple had always known LGH was there for them, it wasn’t until David’s illness that they came to appreciate the quality and scope of the medical care being delivered at the hospital.

“We received nothing but the best of care and treatment at LGH,” says Audrey, who credits the doctors with giving David the best possible shot at recovery.

Sadly, despite nine months of treatment to shrink the tumour in his chest, the cancer metastasized to David’s brain. He passed away at the end of May 2007.

“Even then, the care we received in the palliative wing was incredible,” says Audrey. “The Hospice was just being built at the time, so Dave didn’t get to use it, but other people coming along did, and that’s a good thing.”

new Medical and Surgical Centre will have the same kind of impact on medical care for our community.”

Audrey says she’s inspired every day by what she sees at LGH, which is why she took the extraordinary step a few years ago of joining the Foundation’s Legacy Society: “I’m a widow without children, and my estate, which is suddenly greater than I originally thought thanks to the sale of my house, has to go somewhere,” says Audrey. “I want a big part of it to go where I know it’s going to make a difference, and for me that’s Lions Gate Hospital.” ■

*To learn how you, too, can make a difference by making a contribution or legacy gift, please visit [lghfoundation.com](http://lghfoundation.com) or call Joanne McLellan at 604-904-3553.*



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Leone Carlile (centre), surrounded by fellow Chairman's Circle members gowned as Doctors of Philanthropy (left to right) John and Cecilia Hall, Kyra and Graham Stanley, Betty Lebel, Archie Foo, Shelley and Christopher Philps and Paul Hamilton.

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**Lions Gate Hospital Foundation** is pleased to provide the following revenue, distribution and expense summary for the year ended June 30, 2017.

### REVENUES 2016-2017

Fundraising & Estate Gifts  
\$20,313,086  
Investment & Other Income  
\$2,191,752

**TOTAL \$22,504,838**

### DISTRIBUTIONS & EXPENSES 2016-2017

Distributions  
\$13,397,949  
Administrative & Fundraising Expenses  
\$2,187,541

**TOTAL \$15,585,490**

### FUNDING SOURCES 2016-2017

60% – Individuals & Organizations  
19% – Estates  
11% – Events  
10% – Interest, Dividends & Other Income

Staff working in all areas of LGH benefit from donations that fund equipment, facilities and training.



## LGH EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Every year**, the Foundation invests in new equipment that improves treatment options and saves lives. Over the past year, with the support of our donors, the Foundation has supported the purchase of a wide range of equipment including:

Flexible cysto-nephro videoscope	Urology	<b>\$6,900</b>
Two portable monitors	Emergency	<b>\$56,600</b>
Phototherapy kit	Pediatrics	<b>\$53,350</b>
Patient beds	Hospice	<b>\$36,500</b>
Hip arthroscopy equipment table	Orthopedics	<b>\$35,700</b>
Retractor	Surgery	<b>\$27,740</b>
Chest compression system	ER	<b>\$16,300</b>
Specialized dining furniture	Kiwanis Care Centre	<b>\$15,800</b>
MolecuLite wound imaging device	Wound Care Team	<b>\$6,500</b>
Bariatric wheelchair	Evergreen House	<b>\$4,830</b>

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