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## **12th ANNUAL NORTH SHORE HEALTH CARE AWARDS**

**North Vancouver, B.C.** – Health care workers from across the North Shore were honoured at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual North Shore Health Care Awards held at Lions Gate Hospital on Thursday, January 17.

The awards, hosted by Lions Gate Hospital (LGH) Foundation, celebrate the dedication and commitment to excellence of health care professionals from across Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) facilities on the North Shore.

Nominations are made by health care workers and the judging team is composed of previous award recipients and members of the LGH senior management team.

As well as the recognition of their peers, each recipient receives \$1,000.

“I would like to thank all of our nominees for their efforts and the positive influence they have had on health-care delivery across the North Shore. They have made a significant difference in countless lives,” says Judy Savage, President & CEO of LGH Foundation

## Our 2018/9 Recipients

### Workplace Inspiration Award

**Recipient:** Jane Henley, Home Care Nurse, Home & Community Care, West Community Health Centre.

Jane is the Primary Community Nurse for Bowen Island and she has had a deep and lasting impact on health care delivery on the island. She is the embodiment of the 'Home is Best' philosophy and goes above and beyond to explore all possible resources to facilitate this process for her clients and reduce hospital admissions. From lobbying at municipal meetings to helping develop community circles of care, Jane's enduring professionalism and can-do attitude make her an inspirational role model for her colleagues and the wider community care team.

### Dr. Les Janz Leadership Award

**Recipient:** Tara Deeth, Team Lead, Child and Youth/Public Health, North Van Central Office

Tara is an inspirational leader who sees an opportunity in every challenge that comes her way. Responding to her team's concerns, she developed a policy and protocol for the immunization of Kindergarten children, was instrumental in the development of the Foundry and by sharing the North Shore Public Health team's achievements in reaching higher immunization rates, contributed to a highly spirited and positive work environment. Employees on her five teams feel supported, recognized and valued, thanks to Tara's unconditional respect for each and every one of them.

## **Clinical Practice Award**

**Recipient:** Nicole Roy, Public Health Resource Nurse – Immunization and Communicable Disease, Public Health North Shore

Nicole has extensive vaccine and immunization coupled with her outstanding ability to communicate clinical practice guidelines with precision and clarity to ensure the best possible immunization care is provided on the North Shore. Nicole's desire to keep up to date with the latest immunization evidence and best practice makes her an essential resource staff, physicians and pharmacists alike. Her endless enthusiasm and diligence to her practice is applauded by all who work with her.

## **Spirit of Philanthropy Award**

**Recipients:** Karen Mayo, Manager of ICU at LGH and Dr. John Vyselaar, Head of Cardiology at LGH.

In recognition of the Foundations recent record fundraising success, two people received the award this year. The Spirit of Philanthropy Award is presented to exceptional individuals who exemplify a giving spirit. Health care professionals who frequently go 'above and beyond' in supporting the Foundation with our fundraising endeavours and who gives back both with their time and financial support.

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*Established in 1987, Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is the fundraising arm of the hospital. In the past seven years, the Foundation has raised more than \$200 million to support the purchase of new medical equipment, facility upgrades, staff education and research. Recent projects include the \$2.3 million palliative care hub at North Shore Hospice, a \$2.5 million dual fluoroscopy and Digital X-Ray Unit and a \$100 million fundraising campaign to support the build of a new high-tech Medical & Surgical Centre at LGH.*

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