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Richmond's Nature's Essence Makes Second Donation of \$20,000 for new Acute Care Tower in Richmond



Left to right: Richmond Hospital Foundation Campaign Director, Sharon Kennedy and Emily and Raymond Lin of Nature's Essence.

Richmond, B.C. – Richmond-based Nature's Essence, has generously made a second donation of \$20,000 in support of Richmond Hospital's Acute Care Tower, bringing their total contribution to \$40,000. The donation was made by siblings Raymond and Emily Lin in a cheque presentation with Sharon Kennedy, Campaign Director, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Emily and Raymond drew their inspiration for the donation from the improved overall patient care that the design of the new tower will enable, including more privacy and greater dignity with single patient rooms. As a local company connected to the community, they are also hoping that their donations will inspire others to give back to improve health care in Richmond.

"We are incredibly grateful for the continued generosity and leadership of Emily and Raymond of Nature's Essence to help ensure high quality, local health is there for generations to come with a new Acute Care Tower in Richmond," said Natalie Meixner, President and CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Richmond Hospital needs a new Acute Care Tower to replace the original hospital tower, which is now more than 50 years old and no longer meets the needs of our growing and rapidly aging population. On March 29, the provincial government announced the province approved the concept plan for a new tower, and the project has moved to the business planning stage. The scope of the new facility and final budget stage should be completed by June 30, 2019, with construction anticipated to begin in late 2020.

Over 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised over \$80 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital and our community of care in Richmond.

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