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Richmond Hospital Foundation honours donors, community leaders, & highlights new Community of Care in Richmond

New centres for youth, adults, and new approach to local health care showcased during Community Cares Month

Richmond, B.C. Richmond Hospital Foundation honoured donors and community leaders while highlighting a new Community of Care in Richmond at its Community Cares Celebration, marking the official launch of Richmond Hospital Foundation's annual Community Cares Month.

Richmond Hospital Foundation presented its annual Community Cares Award to well-known community leader, Balwant Sanghera, OBC, for his leadership and drive to help his community and improve local health care.

Richmond Hospital Foundation presented this year's Milan & Maureen Ilich Philanthropic Award of Distinction to Paramjit and Gurdip Sandhu and family.

Since first arriving in Canada more than three decades ago, Paramjit and Gurdip Sandhu have nurtured the aspirations of immediate and extended family members, sharing their values and always wanting to give back generously with an open heart to help others. With their two sons, Amit and Prit, and daughter-in-law Reena, Paramjit and Gurdip have motivated others, and today the family is a positive force in our community to help others believe you can tackle anything in life and that there are no limits to what you can achieve. Their contributions to local health care in Richmond include helping to fund a new approach for person and family centred care in mental health with Grind for the Mind, an event held over a number of years to raise funds while climbing Grouse Mountain.

They have also funded equipment to support vital areas of our hospital such as Rehabilitation and the Intensive Care Unit.

They are also generous donors to our capital campaign to build a new Acute Care Tower to provide lifesaving care for generations to come.

The leadership and generosity of donors and community supporters serve as inspiration for today's official launch of Richmond Hospital Foundation's Community Cares Month, presented by T&T Supermarket. Community Cares Month unites our diverse community to inspire support for an important cause – to ensure local health care is here when you need it, now and in the future.

Speakers at the event:

- Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation
- Gary Wong, Vice President & Director, Aspac Developments Ltd., Presenting Sponsor of Community Cares Celebration
- Kyle Shury, Board Chair, Richmond Hospital Foundation
- Jennifer MacKenzie, Chief Operating Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health-Richmond
- Amit Sandhu – Award Acceptance Speech on behalf of Sandhu Family
- Mayor Malcolm Brodie

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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