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# Richmond COVID-19 Response Fund Impact Report

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# Message from the President & CEO



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Richmond Hospital  
Foundation

As we reach the one-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic and daily news headlines continue to report on challenges in the months ahead, we sincerely thank you for your outpouring of support from across our community.

Around the world and at home, doctors, nurses, and all our health care professionals have grappled with an unprecedented, rapidly evolving pandemic. Your donation to Richmond Hospital Foundation helped to ensure our health care teams including front-line workers at Richmond Hospital and throughout our community provided and continue to provide innovative, life-saving care. On their behalf, we extend the deepest of gratitude for your gift.

Your generosity helped to fund new equipment, create additional capacity and develop innovative ways of delivering care in a new reality shaped by this pandemic.

Your important contributions speak to the love and dedication you have for our community and your commitment to health care in Richmond to help us navigate through this pandemic.

Years from now we will look back on this crisis as a significant milestone and an achievement that showed how people across our diverse community successfully united and rallied together around the health of one another by giving so generously to strengthen our health care in Richmond.

You have set an incredible example of philanthropy. Your leadership will help us emerge stronger, more united, safer and healthier. You have our sincere gratitude for continuing to be there during this crisis.

*Natalie*

## EQUIPMENT TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

A simple breath. It's something we all take for granted, but so vital to life. COVID-19 is an acute respiratory disease and in severe cases it impacts a patient's ability to breathe. Your donations helped to fund new equipment to ensure patients receive enough oxygen when their lungs fail. Donations helped to purchase new ventilators, gas machines and oxygen concentrators to enable necessary ventilation and ensure sufficient levels of oxygen when their own respiratory systems were unable to do so.

As cancelled surgeries were able to resume once again in the spring, donor funded equipment such as portable gas machines which have extra capabilities as well to administer anesthesia and additional gases have now been redeployed to the Operating Rooms to administer anesthetics for surgeries.

## HELPING OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND ICU RESPOND QUICKLY

Across the world, as patients began to get sick, Richmond Hospital moved quickly to ensure it was prepared. Your donation helped to create additional capacity across our hospital so our emergency and ICU teams remained ready for any potential sudden surge in patients. Richmond Hospital purchased new beds for the Intensive Care Unit as well as creative additional care spaces throughout our hospital to allow our health care teams to quickly scale up to provide care wherever and whenever it was needed.

In the Emergency Department, innovative CPR chest compression equipment helped to deliver mechanical chest compressions enabled by technology to patients requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation to maintain blood flow and ensure survival.

Donations enabled the purchase of lightweight and portable patient vital sign monitors to help doctors and nurses observe blood pressure, heart rate and temperature wherever patients received care. Importantly, for patients who needed help breathing, the monitors also measure the flow of blood through the body and the quality of ventilation by the lungs.

“During the pandemic, being able to safely provide quality care was at times incredibly challenging. Your donation helped us purchase important medical equipment, such as a mechanical CPR device that allowed us to perform chest compressions safely while reducing possible exposure to health care providers during a resuscitation” says Dr. Kevin Shi, Co-Department Head, Emergency.



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## VIRTUAL HEALTH FOR GREATER CARE

Seemingly overnight, COVID-19 was a catalyst to transform the way we all work. Just as many of us stayed home and changed to working remotely, Richmond Hospital responded quickly to continue care in a virtual setting, where possible and appropriate, to prevent the spread of COVID. Zoom and FaceTime allowed patients in the hospital and our Long-Term Care homes to connect with loved ones unable to visit in person. Physicians and surgeons provided virtual consultations with patients and families to keep everyone safe. To continue this momentum, your donation is helping to fund innovative projects to enable the expansion of virtual health so that patients remain safe, and Richmond can provide even greater care.

## SENIORS IN LONG TERM CARE

Care for seniors has been thrust into the spotlight as the world witnesses the toll the COVID-19 pandemic is taking on residents in Long-Term Care. Vulnerable, susceptible, lonely, and cut off from regular contact, it's never been more evident that they need urgent help. Your donation has enabled the purchase of iPads to help connect residents of our two owned and operated Long-Term Care homes, Minoru Residence and Richmond Lions Manor Bridgeport, to help residents connect with family members when in-person visits are not possible.

If you would still like to donate to COVID-19 Response Fund, please visit:  
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