

# Joyful Giving

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## Foundry Richmond: A Hub of Hope for Youth

### BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

*The Richmond Family Access and Support Team receive a generous donation from local firefighters*

### LAUNCHING A NEW CAMPAIGN

*This \$20 million fundraising campaign is for the new Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre*

### TRIO OF LIFE A SUCCESS

*The success of the Trio of Life campaign will fund transformational diagnostic equipment*



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## Message from CEO and Board Chair

Your philanthropy helps transform the way in which patients receive health care. Thanks to your unwavering generosity, Richmond Hospital Foundation continues to contribute to enhancing health care in Richmond's community of care by funding much-needed programs and equipment.

Recently, your donations have ensured the permanent location of Foundry Richmond, which offers youth health and wellness services, along with the launch of the Richmond Family Access and Support Team (R-FAST) vehicle, a means of providing mobile care for youth with mental health issues. These are just two examples of how donors have made a difference.

Because of donors, we were also able to reach our \$580,000 fundraising goal to replace diagnostic equipment for the cardiology, pulmonary and neurology specialty areas of care at Richmond Hospital.

Looking forward, the building of the new Yurkovich Family Pavilion will pave the way for new technologies and equipment such as state-of-the-art imaging for our new Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre, scheduled to open in 2027.

We can't emphasize it enough: you have and continue to make a positive impact on patient care in Richmond. Thank you for giving joyfully and for being a champion for the future.

Yours in health and wellness,



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Natalie D. Meixner  
President & CEO



*Chad Pederson*

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Chair, Board of Directors



## Beyond the Call of Duty Firefighters Step Up to Fund R-FAST Vehicle

**BEING ABLE TO RESPOND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE TO** medical calls with a dedicated mode of transport is key to saving lives and providing quality care.

When the Richmond Firefighters Association (IAFF Local 1286) learned that the Richmond Family Access and Support Team (R-FAST) relied on their personal vehicles to provide care for youth with complex mental health issues, they jumped to the rescue.

The 250 firefighters who serve Richmond 24/7, 365 days per year, are pitching in from their own personal resources to donate \$55,000 over the next 5 years towards a dedicated vehicle for R-FAST.

With mental health emergency calls on the rise, the Richmond Firefighters Association recognizes the importance of supporting mental health initiatives such as R-FAST.

Colin Medhurst, the Chair of the organization's Public Relations Committee and a 15-year firefighter, shares, "Mental health awareness is a big focus within our own members and we want to extend our support to the community. Firefighters respond to mental health calls frequently, so we know how important it is for medical professionals to be able to get out to the community to deliver care."

R-FAST is an alternative and first-of-its-kind model of care introduced by the Richmond Mental Health and Substance Use team in 2021. The team consists of a nurse, social worker, occupational therapist and physician who support youth with complex mental health issues through an outreach model, travelling to where youth live within the community to provide on-the-ground assessment and treatment. In addition, R-FAST can

also bring youth to critical health care appointments and assist them in their search for community-based services.

By providing alternative care and support, R-FAST increases the chances for improved health outcomes for vulnerable youth under the age of 19 who may be living with unresolved mental health issues.

With the purchase of the new vehicle, R-FAST now anticipates being able to increase their serving capacity by 50% with the additional ability to safely transport young children. Although the program focuses on youth, the team often provides assistance to the family as a whole, including parents, by connecting them to other services they may need.

"We're excited to support R-FAST because it is another example of community centred leadership," says Jim Dickson, President of the Richmond Firefighters Association and a 23-year veteran firefighter. "This program supports the entire family not just the individual, and will provide timely, immediate care. ■

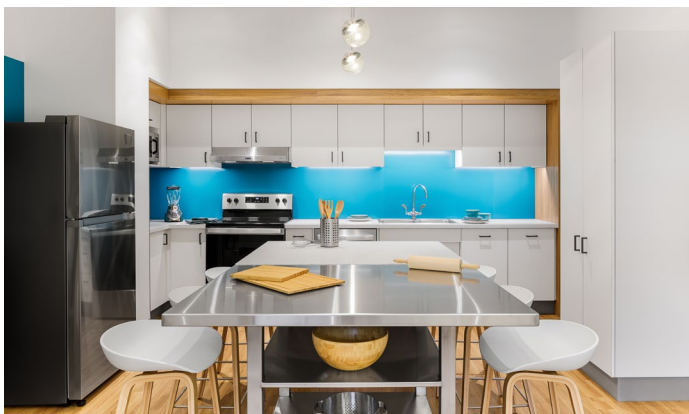
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From the left to right: Gregg Loo, Operations Manager, Mental Health & Substance Use Services, Richmond Infant, Child & Youth Mental Health; Tova Wolinsky, Clinical Supervisor, Access and Outreach, and team leader of RFAST; Bill Buchannon, IAFF L1286 Registrar; Mike Frampton, IAFF L1286 Vice President; Jim Dickson, President, Richmond Firefighters Association; Craig Teichrieb, IAFF L1286 Secretary; Jim Stewart, IAFF L1286 member; David Hobbs, Vice Chair, Richmond Hospital Foundation Board.





# Foundry Richmond: A Hub of Hope for Youth



**RECOGNIZING THE URGENT NEED FOR A NEW APPROACH** and facility that serves young people in the community, Richmond Hospital Foundation is proud to be a partner in the establishment of a new centre called Foundry Richmond that delivers health care focused on youth. The centre first opened its doors in April 2021, and as of summer 2022, has moved to its permanent location at 5811 Cooney Road in Richmond.

“We recognize that young people are our future and need our support to become healthy, active contributors of our community,” says Karen Barclay, Director, Mental Health and Substance Use for Vancouver Coastal Health in Richmond. “The creation of Foundry Richmond helps reach youth in the best way possible and as early as possible, before health concerns have a severe impact on their health and wellbeing.”

Richmond Hospital Foundation, thanks to donors, contributed \$1.5 million to establish Foundry Richmond.

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Top: Foundry Richmond reception area.

Middle: Multipurpose room at Foundry Richmond.

Bottom: Demonstration kitchen space at Foundry Richmond.





In its first year of operation, Foundry Richmond has already made a difference with 756 new youth registered for its services, and almost 3,000 youth visits. The centre is scoring high points from youth. In a recent survey, young people agreed that the Foundry made it easier for them to get the care they needed and that they felt more able and prepared to manage their current situation or health condition.

As a patient population, young people have unique needs and have oftentimes been overlooked in our health care system since they are too old to be treated as children and too young to be treated as adults.

“Foundry Richmond addresses gaps in care and bridges access to health and social services for youth and their families,” explains Barclay. “By delivering primary care, public health, mental health and substance use services, Foundry Richmond will support youth and their families with faster access to care under one roof.”

Foundry Richmond makes it easy for young people to find youth-friendly, welcoming and appropriate services by simply downloading the Foundry BC app for online resources or choosing the Richmond location for the next available appointment. Services and resources are free of charge and available for young people and their caregivers anywhere in B.C. including mental health and substance use services, physical and sexual health care, peer support, and social services.

Thank you for helping us establish this welcoming, inclusive and accessible space for young people and their families to find support for their health and wellness needs. ■



Top: Foundry Richmond team members.

Middle: An examination room at Foundry Richmond.

Bottom: Meeting space at Foundry Richmond.

# New Medical Imaging Centre at Heart of New Acute Care Tower

**MEDICAL IMAGING IS CENTRAL AS A MEANS OF DIAGNOSIS,** as well as tracking progression of an ongoing illness or monitoring the effectiveness of a treatment.

“Technology advances in medical imaging have transformed the way physicians and surgeons practice medicine,” states Dr. Juan-Carlos Guijon, Radiologist at Richmond Hospital. “Today we’re able to visualize more than mere anatomy of the body. We can actually see inside organs and blood vessels allowing us to evaluate how they function.”

The current Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre in Richmond Hospital serves upwards of 115,000 patients each year. Looking to the future, by 2035, the hospital anticipates that over 200,000 of patients each year will require the services of a larger medical imaging department, equipped to diagnose and monitor disease and medical conditions.

Preparing for this future demand is top of mind for the Foundation. With a \$10 million lead donation from the Milan and Maureen Ilich family, Richmond Hospital Foundation has recently launched a \$20 million fundraising campaign to ensure excellence and innovative technologies for the new Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre which will be situated at the heart of Richmond Hospital’s new acute care tower – the Yurkovich Family Pavilion.

“The expanded space will increase acute care health services in the city, and set the stage for the adoption of new technologies and advances in health care for the people in Richmond and beyond.” says Natalie Meixner, President and CEO of Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Named after Milan and Maureen Ilich, in honour of the family’s generous \$10 million lead gift, the future Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre will house a variety of leading-edge equipment and technologies including:

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Computed Tomography (CT) scanning
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ultrasound/Echocardiogram
- General Radiology/Fluoroscopy
- Mammography (both diagnostic and routine screening)



Physician and patient preparing for use of the Computed Tomography (CT) scanner.

With the expansion of the current footprint from 12,000 to 26,000 square feet, the new Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre will accommodate more patients each year.

You can be part of this exciting new future for Richmond Hospital. With your donation, we will be able to double the physical space and specialized equipment to respond to the growing needs of our community. ■



# Enhancing the Cancer Care Clinic for the New Yurkovich Family Pavilion

## THE WORK HAS BEGUN FOR THE RICHMOND HOSPITAL

Redevelopment Project including moving of the Cancer Care Clinic to the ground level of the Milan Ilich Pavilion, to make way for the demolition and construction of the new Yurkovich Family Pavilion.

The physical area of the new clinic will expand by 65%, providing better-functioning space and future opportunities to grow the clinical services offered. The patient treatment area will increase by 2 care bays for a total of 12, combining the need for open spaces and dedicated private rooms. The number of examination rooms will double from 2 to 4, and work spaces will be created to accommodate future needs for additional healthcare professionals including a social worker and nutritionist.

“The new Cancer Care Clinic will be pivotal for the needs and future of cancer care as we expand the space to accommodate more patients and integrate supporting services that benefit both patients and their families,” says Dr. John Yun, one of the two oncologists at Richmond Hospital.

Anticipated to open in its new permanent location in late 2023, the new Cancer Care Clinic will be easily accessible to patients and their families. ■



Top: Dr. John Yun, Oncologist, Richmond Hospital with patient.

Bottom: Dr. Jeremy Ho, Oncologist, Richmond Hospital with patient.

**Don't have a will? Need to update your existing will? Age 55 or over? We can help.**

At Richmond Hospital Foundation, we encourage everyone to have a current will prepared to ensure your wishes are carried out and your loved ones will be cared for exactly as you intended. The Foundation has partnered with the Canadian Free Wills Network to enable our supporters aged 55 and over to have their simple wills written or updated free of charge through a local lawyer.\*

Having an up-to-date will will give you peace of mind. It's also a wonderful opportunity to include a bequest to Richmond Hospital Foundation if you choose although there's no obligation to do so. We sincerely appreciate your consideration in supporting our work.

If you are interested in the **Free Wills Program**, please contact Endora Fan at 604-244-5473 or [legacy@richmondhospitalfoundation.com](mailto:legacy@richmondhospitalfoundation.com)

\*The Network Service pays for simple wills as defined by the drafting lawyer. There are additional costs if your situation requires a more complex will.

# New Diagnostic Equipment for Trio of Life

**THANKS TO YOU, OUR DONORS, WE'VE NOW COMPLETED** our goal of \$580,000 for the Trio of Life Campaign and will be able to acquire the latest diagnostic equipment that is paramount for our care teams to discover, diagnose and monitor symptoms and conditions related to the heart, lungs, and the body's nervous system.

Dr. Angus Cherry, a general internal medicine physician at Richmond Hospital, solves complex, diagnostic conditions by examining the connections between all of the body's different systems.

"The tools that are necessary for us to investigate, diagnose and stabilize patients with multiple and complex medical conditions are in constant use and were in need of urgent replacement," explains Dr. Cherry. "We are very grateful for the many donors that contributed to this campaign. Thank you for giving our doctors the essential tools they need to provide quality care for our community." ■



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