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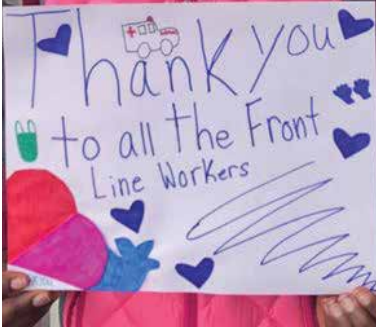
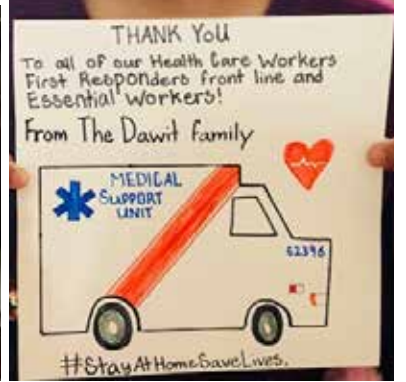
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## 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT



Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation was established in April 2000 to build partnerships with individuals, local organizations and businesses to support local and health care services within the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District.

Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation's primary purpose is to raise funds and awareness to further the improvement of health care in the facilities and programs operated, funded or endorsed by the Fraser Health Authority within the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District through providing the best medical equipment, programs and facilities, to better serve the communities of Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Hope, Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation works with the community to support the local hospital, facilities & programs run by Fraser Health.

## OUR VISION

To improve the quality of health care for our local communities.

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THESE  
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DESCRIBE THE  
2019-20 YEAR  
AT THE  
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Michael Adkins, Board Chair



Liz Harris, Executive Director

Through the support of the community, the foundation was able to purchase four stretcher beds for the Emergency Department at Fraser Canyon Hospital. We raised one million dollars to assist with expansion of the Primary Care Clinic that is a partnership between Division of Family Practice Chilliwack and Fraser Health. The clinic addresses the needs of the community, which include patients who do not have a family doctor.

In spring 2020, the Mission Health Care Auxiliary Society celebrated 100 years of service to the community of Mission, BC. The goal of the auxiliary is to provide non-medical services and comforts to the patients at the hospital. Instead of celebrating, they decided to raise funds to replace \$500,000 worth of much needed laboratory clinic at the Mission Memorial Hospital. The goal is to raise the money over the next 5 years. The auxiliary are so grateful to organizations like Fraserway RV who have supported this project.

At Abbotsford Regional Hospital, we continue to raise funds to purchase much needed equipment for the Emergency Department expansion. To date, we have been able to purchase a LUCAS Chest Compression System that assists with CPR that is currently in use. In addition, a Rapid Fluid Warmer was acquired. This technology is credited with saving thousands of lives globally by infusing warm blood and fluid into patients experiencing massive blood loss.

As we entered the new year, the Foundation experienced drastic changes due to COVID-19. It was hoped that things would not change here in the Fraser Valley, but they did. The Foundation directed its focus on how it was going to support the physicians, nurses, technicians, housekeeping, support staff and patients within the hospital as they prepared for the impact of COVID-19. Apple iPads were brought in to help facilitate communication between patients and their loved ones due to visitation restrictions. The community sent in words of positive communication and children shared artwork of thanks. The Abbotsford Police Department and Canada Post drove by at 7pm making noise with sirens and horns to give thanks to our frontline workers. It brought a rush of emotion and even tears to the workers within and outside the hospital.

When the call was put out that the hospital was in need of Personal Protective Equipment, it was amazing to see the community come together to supply these materials to the hospital and the COVID-19 testing sites.

We would like to say thank you to all of the businesses that provided snacks, meals, coffee and other fun treats. These items boosted morale and helped keep staff well fed when it was difficult for them to find a moment for a break.

The words “thank you” are not strong enough to show how much we appreciate what you do for our hospitals here in the Fraser Valley East.

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Michael Adkins  
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Harris'.

Liz Harris  
Executive Director

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## ABBOTSFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Construction on the expansion of the Abbotsford Regional Hospital Emergency Department started mid-2019 and is scheduled to be completed early 2021. The total project is \$15 million. The Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation has committed to fund an additional \$1.2 million for new equipment. To date, we have been able to purchase a LUCAS Chest Compression System that assists with CPR which is currently in use today in the Emergency Department. A Rapid Fluid Warmer was also purchased; this technology is credited with saving lives by infusing warm blood and fluid into patients experiencing massive blood loss.

ARH will be home to a new Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) robot. UVGI robots have been integral in supporting the deep cleaning and sterilization of patient care areas during Covid-19.

## CHILLIWACK GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation raised the \$1,000,000 needed to fund the needed changes to the Chilliwack Primary Care Clinic (CPCC). The renovations support the expansion of the CPCC team. This expanded team would support increased attachment, a greater focus on chronic disease management, and outreach to the Chilliwack Youth Health Centre (providing primary care and mental health access to youth and young adults up to the age of 26) and to street entrenched clinics.



Maternity at Chilliwack General Hospital received a generous gift for new equipment. Including vital sign monitors for Mom, fetal monitors for baby, doptones to listen to fetal heart rates, new breast pumps, small fridges for patient rooms and a small freezer to store donor breast milk.

## FRASER CANYON HOSPITAL

Partnered with the Auxiliary to the Fraser Canyon Hospital, we were able to provide the Emergency Department with new stretcher beds. The beds are specifically designed to be mobile and user-friendly. The new stretchers allow medical staff to create the ideal solution to meet the specific needs of the emergency situation.



## MISSION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

With the Laboratory needing a renovation, the FVHCF has partnered with the Mission Health Care Auxiliary to start raising the needed \$500,000 to make it a reality and help them celebrate their 100th anniversary.



To help with patient comfort during their stay, new televisions were graciously donated by the Mission Health Care Auxilliary.

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## ABBOTSFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL EXPANSION HIGHLIGHTS

The expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department at Abbotsford Regional Hospital has been carefully planned and designed to increase and streamline patient flow. To achieve this, the clinical process has been streamlined with an improved Triage process, with 5 Zones that are consistent with Fraser Health Emergency Department Network Model of Care. Patient intake area will be within the Zones.

The expanded patient space will include a zone dedicated for mental health, 2 new trauma bays, with a capability for a third and 10 acute patient exam rooms have been added to the Emergency Department expansion.



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## CHILLIWACK GENERAL HOSPITAL - RADIOGRAPHIC FLUOROSCOPY

We are looking to fund a Radiographic Fluoroscopy at Chilliwack General Hospital. A Fluoroscopy is used to evaluate specific areas of the body. These include the bones, bowel, muscles, heart vessels, and joints.

It's much like an X-ray "movie" and is often done while a contrast dye moves through the part of the body being examined. A continuous x-ray beam is passed through the body part and sent to a video monitor so that the body part and its motion can be seen in detail. Fluoroscopy, as an imaging tool, allows healthcare providers to look at many body systems, including the skeletal, digestive, urinary, cardiovascular, respiratory, and reproductive systems.



We are committed to raising the \$1,000,000 to fund the purchase of the needed Radiographic Fluoroscopy for the Chilliwack General Hospital.

## FRASER CANYON HOSPITAL - NASOLARENGYSCOPE

A nasopharyngoscopy (nay-so-fair-en-GOS-kuh-pee) is an exam doctors do to view the back of the throat. They do this by inserting a flexible tube called a Nasopharyngoscope through the nose. The scope has a light and a camera on the end. These let doctors see how the palate (the roof of the mouth, which separates the mouth from the nasal cavity) moves during speech. The exam takes about 2 minutes



With a need for a Nasopharyngoscope we have committed to fund the \$27,000 investment for Fraser Canyon Hospital.

## MISSION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Back in 1920, when the closest hospital was in New Westminster, the Mission Hospital Auxiliary partnered with the Mission Hospital Board to raise funds for a local hospital. Under the leadership of their president, Emma Houlder, they were able to open the first Hospital in Mission on May 15, 1920, and this year marks their 100th anniversary.

The Mission Hospital may have changed locations and grown to better the needs of the community, but one thing has remained the same - the steadfast dedication from the Mission Health Care Auxiliary. Over their history they have raised over \$2.1 million.

As part of the birthday Celebrations they have embarked their largest fundraiser in their 100 year history; \$500,000 for new equipment.

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The Mission Health Care Auxiliary hopes to put the funds raised to work in such a way that will benefit as many patients as possible. They feel that an enhancement of the hospital laboratory will do just that.

The Laboratory at Mission Memorial Hospital is in need of attention. The hospital laboratory tests blood, urine, and other samples including immunology, microbiology, and endocrine tests. Lab improvements will allow the health care providers to get patient results with even greater efficacy.

The Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation has partnered with the Mission Health Care Auxiliary to make the Lab a stronger department at MMH.

### CELEBRATING ONE OF THEIR OWN: ELEANORE LOBB



Passion, dedication and a commitment to the community of Mission are the driving forces behind the all the volunteers with the Mission Health Care Auxiliary.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields and pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of volunteers. They embody the caring country we aspire to build.



Eleanor Lobb has made significant and sustained contributions to health care in Mission. For over half a century, Eleanor has been an integral member of the Mission Health Care Auxiliary, service in numerous executive roles at both provincial and federal levels.

She ensured patient and visitor access to several important services, such as the television and telephone rentals, the thrift shop and the Sunday Chapel escort program.

The Mission Health Care Auxiliary is proud to have her as a member and to see her honoured with this prestigious award.

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## THANK YOU.

The Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated in support of our health care workers during this difficult time. Support from the community came from all levels in a big way.

Every department is grateful of your love and support and on behalf of all the staff stretching from Mission out to Hope we want to say thank you.

Thank you for the coffee, the letters of encouragement and your show of support. We are truly moved by your love.

Please help us make our community health care the best it can be in the year ahead.  
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