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FRASER VALLEY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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It's A New Decade

The foundation year doesn't wrap up till March 31, 2020 but so far 2019 has been impactful to the Fraser Valley Communities. We hosted our first gala in the Copper Room at Harrison Hot Spring, worked with RBC Wealth Management in hosting a successful golf tournament, hosted four It's a Wonderful Breakfast with the Fraser Valley Communities, partnered with Garison Running Co. on Run for Mom in Chilliwack and the 5km Run in Hope. We are so grateful to everyone who participated/supported an event or made direct donations to the Foundation. Your gifts have allowed us to fund 4 much needed stretcher beds in the Fraser Canyon Hospital Emergency Department, Primary Care at Chilliwack General Hospital. We are still working hard to raise much needed funds for replacing equipment at the Mission Memorial Hospital and for the Emergency Department here at Abbotsford Regional Hospital. We can't wait to see how we can support our hospitals as we will celebrate 20 years of service in the spring.



Inaugural Gala A Grand Event

Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation (FVHCF) held their inaugural Fraser Valley Grand Gala on November 15.

Whilst basking in the glitz and glamour of the 1920s, 250 Fraser Valley gents and dames partied in Gatsby style in the Copper Room at Harrison Hot Springs Hotel as they raised approximately \$110,000 in support of the hospitals in the Eastern Fraser Valley.

"As the Chair of the Board of Directors it is my pleasure to express our gratitude and show our appreciation," said Mike Adkins, FVHCF board chair, to a sold-out crowd. Adkins went on to thank all the sponsors that made the night happen. This included the presenting sponsor Snowcrest Foods Ltd.

Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun addressed the crowd as the Chair of the

Fraser Valley Regional Hospital Board and light-heartedly noted that there were "a lot of politicians in the room" as there was great representation from Hope to Mission in attendance. Guest were also welcomed by the Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health for B.C.

"We are delighted it all came together for a truly grand affair," said Liz Harris, FVHCF Executive Director. "As a foundation, we are committed to the improvement of health care in all our communities in the eastern Fraser Valley. This is dependent on fundraising and what better way to do it than a night like this."

Make sure you save the date for November 20, 2020 for our 2nd annual gala!



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Upcoming Events

For full details on these events, visit www.fvhcf.ca

Step Up 4 Cardiac Health

Abbotsford Centre
February 22, 2020

Game of Throws

TBD
April 4, 2020

Walk 4 Cardiac Health

Mill Lake Water Park
May 2, 2020

Run for Mom

Garrison Dog Park
May 9, 2020

Golfing 'FORE' Your Hospitals

Sandpiper Golf Course
September 10, 2020

Health Talks 101

TBD
September 26, 2020

Fraser Valley Grand Gala

Harrison Hot Springs Resort
November 20, 2020

Trees of Caring at ARH

Abbotsford Regional Hospital
November to December 2020

Breakfast Served For Health



In 2019, we expanded our annual 'It's a Wonderful Breakfast' to include all four of our communities in Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack and Hope. Each community was invited to a wonderful breakfast which included entertainment and a chance to give back to their community hospital. We also were collecting donations of toys and toiletries for the community. The breakfast held in Abbotsford and Mission was in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley. "This event is a wonderful way to start the Christmas season," said Liz Harris, executive director of the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation (FVHCF). "The warmth and generosity of the people in our communities never ceases to amaze me and the pile of toys and toiletries they brought are proof of that"

We held the first 'It's a Wonderful Breakfast' in Hope. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful breakfast catered by Kitchen Komfort Food Service. Hope's very own Brad Cooper serenaded the crowd with Elvis classics.

With everyone's support, we raised over **\$3,200** for Fraser Canyon Hospital!

In Chilliwack, Guests were deeply moved by motivational speaker Jim Ryan, they enjoyed a performance by Sue Breton and earned some insight on primary care from Dr. Melanie Madill. More than **\$3,300** was raised for Chilliwack General Hospital.

In Mission, over **\$2,500** was raised. Guests got a special treat in hearing from Corey Hirsch, former NHL goaltender.

During the breakfast in Abbotsford, guests heard from Marco Iannuzzi, former wide receiver for the BC Lions. More than **\$4,000** was raised in Abbotsford.

A big thanks to our emcee who joined us for the early mornings - Trevor McDonald and to Santa who was making sure everyone was on the nice list this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year! Make sure you check out our social media pages for the 2020 dates.

Local Business Gives Back



Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation (FVHCF) is now closer to their fundraising goals due to a large commitment from a local partner - Fraserway RV in Abbotsford.

"We have a long-term partnership with Fraserway RV and it is wonderful to expand it beyond Abbotsford" shared the FVHCF Executive Director, Liz Harris. "We are so happy with their continued commitment to health care in the Fraser Valley"

Fraserway RV has committed \$190,000 to support all 4 hospital projects currently underway by the FVHCF. "We have staff and customers far and wide in the Fraser Valley" said Ruth Goodall, Executive Assistant to the President of Fraserway RV. "This is where we work and play. It is a great pleasure to expand our partnership with the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation."

Give today: www.fvhcf.ca/donate

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