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## Message from the Chair

I am pleased to present the Foundation's 2nd annual *Report to the Community,* included this year as part of our *Promise* magazine.

This past year was my first as Chair of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. On behalf of the Board and staff of the Foundation, I am pleased to report that in spite of the global economic downturn we achieved a number of important successes last year.

One important recent accomplishment is an outstanding investment in the future of nursing at St. Paul's called the RBC Leadership Program for Nursing Innovation. This program was created with a \$1-million donation from RBC Foundation.

Last year we kicked off fundraising for a new \$2.2-million high-definition CT scanner. Thanks to early contributions from donors, St. Paul's Hospital was the first in Canada to diagnose patients with this state-of-the-art equipment in January 2009.

We continue to work with Providence Health Care and the B.C. government to find solutions to St. Paul's ongoing infrastructure challenges. We will be sure to inform you, our valued donors, partners and supporters, when we have concrete information about St. Paul's Hospital's renewal.

Over the past year, generous donors have helped the hospital make a real difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of British Columbians, through innovative procedures, cutting-edge research and compassionate patient care. Yet there is much left to be done. I would like to personally thank each and every one of our donors, supporters and partners for the commitment you have made to St. Paul's.





Paul Hollands, Chair

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### Message from the CEO

When you look through our 2008/09 Report to the Community, you will see why we proudly say the Foundation is "inspiring care, research and teaching" thanks to the ongoing generosity of you, our donors.

With your help, we were able to support more than 20 different departments and areas throughout St. Paul's last year. These needs included funding for the world-class Providence Heart + Lung Institute and our award-winning Emergency Department, as well as palliative care and HIV/AIDS.

While this past year has been a rewarding one, it has also been challenging. For St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, the period during which we typically receive most donations unfortunately coincided with plummeting stock prices and global financial unease.

The Foundation began to feel the effects of the economy on donations toward the end of 2008.

However, we are very fortunate to have so many loyal supporters who continue to recognize the many urgent needs at St. Paul's. We finished the 2008/09 fiscal year having raised \$8.66 million. While down from the record \$10.7 million raised in 2007/08, our fundraising shortfall was similar to decreases experienced by charities across the country.

As the economy shows signs of improving, I am pleased to report that we are already seeing a surge in donations this fiscal year.

I hope you will continue to feel inspired to give to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.

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Beau Olmstead, VP of RBC's Health Care Professionals' Group in B.C., with Stephen Shapiro and Paul Hollands.

A \$1-million donation from RBC Foundation created the new **RBC Leadership Program for Nursing Innovation** at St. Paul's Hospital. One of Canada's largest gifts for nursing to an academic health science centre, this transformational gift means exciting new mentorship and educational opportunities for St. Paul's nurses at all stages of their careers, enhancing the recruitment and retention of this invaluable group of health-care workers.



St. Paul's was the first hospital in Canada to use a \$2.2-million high-definition, low-radiation CT scanner to

diagnose patients, thanks to early support from donors. The scanner is invaluable for advanced heart imaging as well as imaging of the brain, liver, kidneys and lungs, sparing some patients from invasive and costly tests. St. Paul's is now collaborating with other leading centres to realize the full potential of this technology.

Funding for the pioneering **Palliative Outreach Project** ensured all patients at St. Paul's with lifelimiting illnesses like cancer have access to St. Paul's palliative expertise, including determining a patient's

goals of care, pain management, and end-of-life planning. The goal of this project: helping people live as well as possible, as long as possible.



Generous donors to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation helped support compassionate care, leading research, and prestigious academic training and education opportunities at St. Paul's Hospital last year. Below are highlights:

- The 11th annual Lights of Hope campaign raised an impressive \$1.77 million for greatest needs at St. Paul's, thanks to hundreds of generous corporate, individual, community and hospital supporters who gave to the campaign in 2008.
- Advanced **Aperio ScanScope technology** was put to use in the Providence Heart + Lung Institute to create high-quality digital images from glass microscope slides, enhancing patient care, research and teaching at St. Paul's.
- The Foundation funded state-of-the-art **bronchoscopy equipment** for the Pacific Lung Health Centre, part of the
  Providence Heart + Lung Institute at St. Paul's, to quickly and
  accurately diagnose and treat serious pulmonary problems like
  lung cancer.
- St. Paul's Heart Centre, part of the Providence Heart + Lung Institute, received two **3D echocardiography machines** crucial for lifesaving corrective procedures like valve replacements. These echo machines have the capacity to scan 80 per cent more heart patients than before.
- Donors continued to contribute toward the fundraising goal of \$4.7 million for the \$14.7-million **Emergency Innovation Project** at St. Paul's Hospital. When complete in 2010, St. Paul's Emergency Department will be one of the most technologically advanced in Canada.
- Urgent needs were funded within the world-renowned Providence Heart + Lung Institute at St. Paul's Hospital, including new equipment and specialized training, as well as support for exciting initiatives like Heart, Lung and Blood Research FEST.
- Numerous donations, including undesignated donations, supported care, research and teaching in more than 20 areas and departments at St. Paul's, including the kidney program, Pain Centre, and BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.
- The Foundation continued to raise money for St. Paul's initiatives to discover and implement real solutions for two often interconnected health problems: mental illness and addictions, including an addictions research fellow.
- St. Paul's **operating rooms** received funding for many urgent needs, including imaging and other equipment for leading-edge sinus, gynecology, emergency and other surgeries.







St. Paul's Hospital Foundation would like to thank the following donors who have supported St. Paul's Hospital with a gift of \$1,000 or more in 2008/2009. Their generosity is a commitment to excellent and compassionate health care at St. Paul's Hospital.

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## Inspiring Innovation

#### A Q&A WITH **DIANNE DOYLE**

#### What would you say were St. Paul's major achievements last year?

Every year I am amazed at the scope of St. Paul's Hospital's accomplishments.

This past year, there was heightened urgency for meeting patient needs, while ensuring strong and effective stewardship of our programs through innovation, transformation and collaboration. The Providence Heart + Lung Institute and its Acute Heart Failure Program had its best year ever, implanting a record 26 mechanical heart pumps. St. Paul's opened B.C.'s first Integrated Care Clinic for kidney patients, and the hospital became home to the new Centre of Excellence for the Prevention of Organ Failure (PROOF).

Some of the most important work being done at St. Paul's is with the most vulnerable populations we serve. A perfect example is St. Paul's partnership with Covenant House to provide mental health support for 700 vulnerable street youths.

St. Paul's also demonstrated leadership and successes with initiatives funded by the provincial government's Lower Mainland Innovation am confident St. Paul's Hospital will and Integration Fund, including the Emergency Decongestion Pilot, which helped reduce the Emergency Department's wait times considerably.

#### What update can you provide on Providence Health Care's work to secure new space and infrastructure for St. Paul's Hospital?

Over the past year, we were reassured by the Ministry of Health Services that the renewal of St. Paul's Hospital remains an important issue. The provincial government is now facing significant revenue challenges due to the downturn of the global economy and that is impacting all capital plans for the province. Providence Health Care is continuing to look for options, including the need



Dianne Doyle, President and CEO of Providence Health Care

for leasing more space, to address short-term and immediate needs for St. Paul's Hospital.

#### What response do you have to the rumours about programs being moved from St. Paul's Hospital?

Because there is a lot of strategic planning occurring in the health sector - and a lot of emphasis toward consolidation and integration of administrative functions within Lower Mainland health authorities - the rumours began about potential impacts to St. Paul's Hospital clinical and acute programs. The rumours were unfortunate and reflected a period of uncertainty in the community and within health organizations. I know of no plans to remove any clinical programs from the hospital.

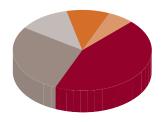
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It's hard to predict the future, but I continue to be a world-renowned centre of excellence in research, teaching and care delivery that attracts health-care professionals, caregivers and researchers from across the globe. The hospital's donors will always have a very special place to support.

### St. Paul's Hospital Foundation raised over \$8.6 million for equipment, research and patient care in 2008/09

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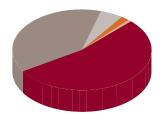
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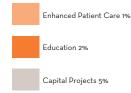
















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