



# Caring for the Future

2025 NEWSLETTER

It's been an honour for me to step into the role of President and CEO of St. Paul's Foundation, and be part of an organization with a long history of supporting life-changing, patient-centred health care.

2024 was an exciting year for us. We celebrated a significant milestone on the Jim Pattison Medical Campus in July with the 'topping off' of the final and 11th floor of the new St. Paul's Hospital, bringing us one step closer to the opening of this world-class facility in 2027.

And, last June I was honoured to be part of the opening of the new Providence Living at The Views in Comox, Canada's first non-profit long-term care home based on the concepts of a dementia village. The future of seniors care is bright!

Thank you for your loyal support. Your gifts are an investment in the future of health care and will benefit generations of British Columbians yet to come.

I look forward to meeting you at our next event!

**Sheila Biggers**  
President and CEO  
St. Paul's Foundation of Vancouver

## Brand new Centre for Healthy Aging transforming care for older adults



Opening in a few short years, the **Centre for Healthy Aging (CHA)**, located at the new St. Paul's Hospital, is the first of its kind in British Columbia. It's designed to provide tailored services that help older adults live well in the community and stay at home longer. Situated on the ground floor with street access

next to the hospital's main atrium, the CHA will be easy for patients and families to self-refer and find what they need all in one place.

This purpose-built centre offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to seniors care, addressing issues like long waitlists and fragmented medical appointments. Caregivers will provide team-based assessments, expedited referrals to specialists, and outpatient services, all customized to meet individual patient needs in their communities.

The centre emphasizes care coordination, ensuring smoother transitions between different care areas. Whenever possible, patients will receive all necessary services in one visit, reducing the need for multiple appointments and long waiting times. This streamlined care approach will benefit older adults, especially those with dementia or comorbidities, and provide much-needed support for their families.

This patient-centred approach will help people age in place at home, reducing need for admission into acute care or long-term care. Once proven successful at St. Paul's, this model will be replicated across the province to address the unique needs of older adults in other communities.



## Caring for the Future Honour Roll

In 2024, St. Paul's Foundation of Vancouver received \$6,761,087 from the estates of donors who chose to make a very special legacy gift in support of health care. We received gifts for St. Paul's Hospital, the new St. Paul's Hospital on the Jim Pattison Medical Campus, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, Providence Living at The Views, St. John Hospice, and for programs, sites, and services across Providence Health Care. We honour each donor for their legacy of compassion and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals and their families:

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Estate of Shirley Marie McIntyre	Estate of Amy Shiu Mui Wong

## Caring for the Future Tea: *Save the date*

We are looking forward to hosting our Caring for the Future Tea this summer and ask that you hold the afternoon of **Wednesday, June 11th, 2025** in your calendar for this event. We will be in touch in May with an invitation!



## A Legacy Built on Care and Commitment: Remembering Bernard Hanby

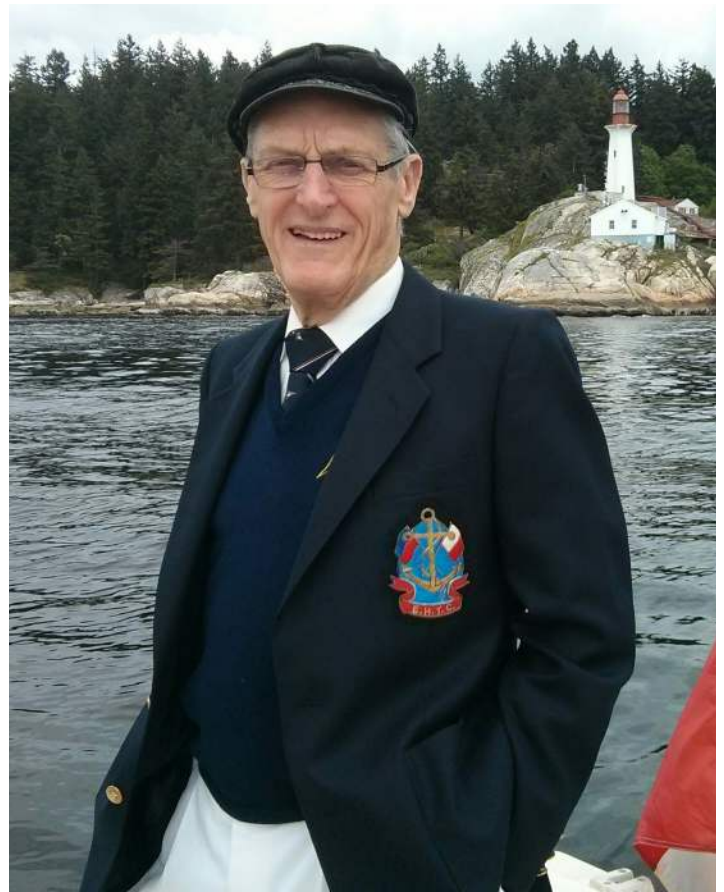
From office spaces to underwater worlds, Bernard (Bernie) Hanby brought humour, integrity, and purpose to every corner of his life.

Born in Blackpool, England, Bernie was captivated by Canada while on vacation with friends and immigrated to Toronto in the late 1950s. Soon after, the lure of the ocean and a lifelong love of fishing drew him to settle on the West Coast in Vancouver.

His fascination with the ocean intensified after taking up scuba diving in the 1970s. Bernie cared deeply about marine conservation, serving on the board of numerous conservation non-profits and with like-minded partners, formed *Marine Life Sanctuaries Society of BC*, which is still active after 30 years. He had a knack for underwater photography and co-authored 'Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest', a wildly popular guidebook released in 2005 still used by biologists, divers, and ocean lovers to learn more about creatures beneath the water's surface.

Bernie was proud of his distinguished career in insurance. He specialized in liability claims, opened his own business, and enjoyed training the next generation of adjusters. He also treasured time with his wife, two daughters, grandchildren, and extended family, sharing his love of fishing with everyone along the way. Known for his jovial nature and genuine interest in people, Bernie inspired others with his actions.

Staying active and healthy was important to Bernie – he even spent his 80th birthday scuba diving! When he did require treatment for his kidneys at St. Paul's Hospital, he was impressed with the kind, compassionate, and expert care he received. Bernie developed a strong bond with his care team and appreciated the custom protocols the renal team created for him based on his treatment objectives.



He decided to honour the people who cared for him through a gift in his Will to St. Paul's Foundation.

*"He always spoke very highly of the team at St. Paul's Hospital. They understood what his goal was and made sure that he had the tools to live life the way he wanted to,"* says Lynn Wong, Bernie's daughter. *"He had a real respect for the medical community and wanted to remember them in that way. It was important to him."*

We are so grateful that Bernie chose to include St. Paul's Foundation as part of his final legacy. His kindness fills us with gratitude and inspires us to advance our work in enhancing patient care across Providence Health Care sites.

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# Bringing meaningful support to every patient's journey



While hope and compassion are never in short supply at Providence Health Care's hospitals and seniors homes, the same cannot be said of other essentials necessary for exceptional care that are not funded through traditional channels.

That is where the **St. Paul's Foundation Fund** comes in. Gifts to this fund support the **Enhanced Patient Care** grant program, which helps patients, residents, staff, and families when they need it most.

For example, in many cases hospital visits are unplanned and hurried. When patients call 911 for help, they may not have time to collect or remember what they need. Simple items such as reading glasses can often be left behind or forgotten.

Because of donors like you, we can fund big things like vital pieces of equipment – such as an incubator in the NICU – or something small but meaningful that enhances patient comfort and ease like reading glasses that patients can borrow.

*“A gentleman was trying to fill out his government disability forms but couldn't see the papers. He came to the nursing station to try and get more light to see better. I offered him reading glasses. His eyes filled with tears,”* says Carrie Bancroft, clinical nurse leader in the cardiac unit. *“He was so surprised that he could now see the words and he was proud and happy when I showed him how they looked on him. Our team cannot thank you enough for giving the patients of St. Paul's Hospital these types of precious gifts.”*

## Time to update your Will?

As someone with a Will, you're ahead of 57% of Canadian adults who don't have one. Creating a Will is just the first step—it's an ongoing responsibility to ensure your wishes are honoured. Regular updates to your Will are essential, especially if you're aiming to leave a legacy that reflects your personal values and supports the causes you care about.

But how do you know when to update your Will? You might update your will multiple times over your lifetime, or perhaps not at all. However, there are key moments when a review is essential:

- **Moving:** Estate laws vary by jurisdiction, so a relocation may require an update to comply with local regulations.
- **Change of Marital Status:** In BC, marriage does not automatically revoke a Will, but it may impact your estate's distribution. Divorce can automatically revoke any gifts/appointments to an ex-spouse.
- **Birth of Child/Grandchild:** You may wish to include them as beneficiaries.

- **Changes in Finances:** Significant changes in assets or debt may require adjustments to reflect your current estate.
- **Death of a Beneficiary or Executor:** Update your Will to designate replacements.
- **Tax Law Changes:** Alterations in tax law may impact your estate plan's efficiency.

Keeping your Will current helps ensure your intentions are honoured.

## Contact us

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