

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE AUXILIARIES (BCAHA)



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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# President's Message

As I contemplate the events of the past year to summarize our 2021 activities, I admit to wondering if anyone would notice if I submitted the same report as I did last year. For all of us, 2021 seemed to be a repeat of 2020. We were hopeful as vaccines were administered, and then these hopes were dashed with the advent of new, threatening variants. In between, there have been a great many ups and downs, but at long last, there is a "light at the end of the tunnel."

In the past year, despite continuing challenges and restrictions imposed by frequently changing Public Health Orders, BCAHA and our member Auxiliaries have managed to operate with surprising success. Thankfully, during the past year, most Auxiliary Thrift Stores and Hospital Gift Shops were able to open under strict guidelines. In addition, many Auxiliaries raised funds in new and unique ways when traditional forms were blocked.

Many of our Auxiliary members were eager to get back to their volunteer activities but unfortunately, many Auxiliaries lost a good number of volunteers who were understandably worried about working directly with the public. A small number of Auxiliaries were unable to carry on and disbanded. Miraculously, even with fewer volunteers and restricted hours, our membership raised an amazing amount of money province wide in support of healthcare that ultimately improves the quality of life for many B.C. citizens.



In October, the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley areas were able to hold a safe and well-organized in-person joint conference. Dr. Victoria Lee, the CEO of Fraser Health, was a popular and informative guest speaker.

I worked for several weeks with Fraser Health to create a video featuring the activities and contributions of the Auxiliaries operating in the Fraser Health area. The intention of the video was to both honour the exemplary commitment of past volunteers, while promoting Auxiliary volunteer work to attract new and younger members in the community. The latter is a difficult task, and success in the recruitment area among the younger demographic requires an innovative, prolonged, and enthusiastic approach. ►





The BCAHA Board was also able to meet for the regular in-person mid-term board meetings. It was such a pleasure to talk to members face to face at last, albeit through masks, but nonetheless we all appreciated the opportunity to physically gather.

In 2021, a new BCAHA website made its debut. I had weekly meetings with the Director of Communications to define a vision for our organization and increase visibility for every one of our member Auxiliaries in the virtual world. I would like to thank our Director of Communications, Cheryl Fry, for the endless hours spent on this project.

I had planned to attend the Northwest Area Conference in October but it was cancelled due to Covid concerns. We have continued with regular board meetings through Zoom, which have been productive in reporting on Auxiliary activities throughout the province, monitoring our organization's financial position, and setting goals for consistent support and communication with the membership. During the past year, the Director of Communications has provided the opportunity for participation in online courses to improve the skills of board members.

I wish to pass on the following comment that was exchanged in an email that I received after the joint Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley Areas Conference, "The conference in Langley was my first conference, being there reinforced my pride in belonging to such a worthwhile organization." We are hopeful that the planned 2022 BCAHA Annual Conference

will be able to go ahead, once again bringing us together for networking, education, and camaraderie.

The ongoing support from the six provincial healthcare authorities is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue our work to provide education, leadership and effective communication with all of our members.

In closing, I wish to thank the BCAHA Executive and Area Directors who contribute so much in effort, time, and talent, and for their unfailing personal support, as we all work together, Helping Healthcare the Auxiliary Way.

Sincerely,

*Diane Thornton*

Diane Thornton



# Bursaries

The Tribute Fund was established by Mrs.V Sharp at the Pre Conference Committee meeting in 1991 with \$1000.00 taken from the Provincial Education Fund. Member Auxiliaries were encouraged to make contributions to the fund as a way to “pay tribute” to or commemorate their Auxiliary members for exemplary service. In 1994, the first bursary was presented to Laura Templeton, sponsored by the Afternoon Auxiliary to the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

## A few of our Auxiliaries Awarding Bursaries

### The Northeast Area Presidents’ Bursary

Nursing student from the North East area Presidents’ Bursary, Caitlyn from Ft. St. John studying in Prince George Assistant (HC) program.



### Langley Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Langley gives out four scholarships — one for a high school student pursuing studies in the medical field, one for a volunteer, one for a current nursing staff who has contributed to nursing and who is furthering their education in nursing, and one for hospital staff who are going into other health care professions or who are updating their credentials.

- Langley high school scholarship
- Marion Ward Scholarship — named after the first head nurse in Langley
- Edith Ross Scholarship — named after the first president of Langley Auxiliary
- Linda Steier Volunteer Scholarship — named for our member who died in 2019. She was heavily involved with volunteers who volunteered in our Thrift Store.

### Abbotsford - Auxiliary to Abbotsford Regional Hospital

Scholarship — Abbotsford Auxiliary Bursary Convenor and Auxiliary President present a bursary cheque to the lucky university student who is pursuing a medical career.



### Sunshine Coast Health Care Auxiliary

Sixteen awards to students of the Capilano University’s Health Care Assistant (HC) program.

**Riley Ellis:** The first recipient of the Linda Steier scholarship



# Member Auxiliaries Making a Difference in Our Communities and Healthcare Facilities

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Investing in the Future of Healthcare by assisting financially to the studies of young people entering the medical field ensures a healthy future for all of us.

*Carole Murray, Vice President of BCAHA.*

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The new walk-in tub funded by the Summerland Healthcare Auxiliary is officially installed and available for use at Angus Place. Representing the Auxiliary at the Viewing are Wes Campbell, President (wearing the red vest), and Thrift Store Convenor Elenor van Horne (testing out the tub). The Auxiliary extends its sincere thanks to the Summerland community for its continued support as donors, customers, and volunteers. Because of your generous spirit, we are able to continue to support healthcare services in our community.



## May 10 – Healthcare Auxiliary Day

In recognition of this special day, the Trail Hospital Auxiliary served cake to staff, patients, and visitors to thank everyone for their continued support. We are also excited to be celebrating \$1,035,335.48 in donations since 1996, when the KBRH & Health Foundation started distributing funds raised by our loyal volunteers.



As part of their commitment to upgrading the lab at Mission Memorial Hospital, the Mission Healthcare Auxiliary recently presented the Foundation with a cheque for \$105,000!

Thank you for your continued support of the Mission Memorial Hospital, Mission Health Care Auxiliary Society.

## THANK YOU

For your continued support & donations.

The Grand Forks Hospital Auxiliary's Volunteers have donated equipment for patients comfort & care in the amount of

**\$2,900,661.61**

Since 2000 to your Boundary Hospital

Grand Forks Auxiliary is very proud to contribute to campaigns that benefit our hospitals and communities, making their time and hard work worthwhile.



# Financial Statement

	Operating Fund	Tribute Fund	2021 Total	2020 Total
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash	\$43,579	\$9,520	\$53,099	\$63,202
Investments - GIC	\$115,000	\$30,884	\$145,884	\$175,883
Accounts receivable	\$600	-	\$600	\$775
GST receivable	\$312	-	\$312	-
Prepaid expenses	\$6,245	-	\$6,245	\$2,494
<b>Capital Assets</b>	\$666	-	\$666	\$1,479
	<b>\$166,402</b>	<b>\$40,404</b>	<b>\$206,806</b>	<b>\$243,833</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	\$60	-	\$60	\$57
GST Payable	-	-	-	\$60
	<b>\$60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$117</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Unrestricted	\$116,342	-	\$116,342	\$199,075
Restricted	-	\$40,404	\$40,404	\$44,641
	<b>\$116,342</b>	<b>\$40,404</b>	<b>\$156,746</b>	<b>\$243,716</b>

## Our Impact

AWARDED AS  
BURSARIES  
**\$249,410**

DONATED TO  
HEALTHCARE  
**\$4,187,861**

COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH  
**\$829,794**

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
**796,408**

NO OF ADULT  
VOLUNTEERS  
**4965**

NO OF JUNIOR  
VOLUNTEERS  
**109**

JUNIOR  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
**1335**



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