



Capitalizing on Change



For over a century, a hallmark of Auxiliaries has been their ability to adjust and adapt.

The title of BCAHA's 2019 AGM & Conference—**Capitalizing on Change**—points to their enduring presence and vitality. The host Auxiliary of this year's conference is one such example and is marking its own special milestone. Congratulations to the Auxiliary to University Hospital of Northern B.C. on turning 100! You, your City of Prince George, and the Northern area have much to be proud of and to celebrate.

100 Years Strong is the title of a booklet commemorating the Auxiliary to UHNBC's centenary. The spirited resolve and success captured in these three words are attributes shared by other Auxiliaries in the pages of this annual report.

Auxiliary to UHNBC President Lindy Steele (left) receives a special 100th Anniversary plaque from Northern Health's Colleen Nyce.



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Helping Healthcare the Auxiliary Way

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Reaching the Century Mark

Did you know that more than a dozen Auxiliaries have already reached the century mark? Others soon to follow include Smithers and Mission in 2020, and Abbotsford and North Vancouver in 2021. Since our beginnings, Auxiliaries have taken on various tasks and responsibilities. From sewing hospital linen and hosting gala fundraisers, to owning thrift stores and celebrating **Healthcare Auxiliary Day**, Auxiliaries and their volunteers continue to make a difference.



A Dynamic Landscape

Auxiliaries in British Columbia have been extending a helping hand to healthcare and to their local communities since the 1890s. Much has changed since those pioneer years. New hospitals, health services and medical technologies, and the participation of key stakeholders have created a dynamic healthcare landscape. Auxiliaries liaise with health authorities, hospital foundations and community groups to keep current and to find ways to further contribute to healthcare.

The Helping Verb

Our very name, *Auxiliary*, (from the Latin *auxilium*, to help and support) aptly describes our role. In grammar, the auxiliary verb is known as the *helping verb*. That's us. We are defined by what we do. We assist, facilitate and adapt to whatever role is needed. As volunteers, we are a resource. Whether at a hospital, healthcare centre or thrift shop, we are at the ready. "How can we help?"

Future Prospects

Building on the past, to ensure the future is our **Capitalizing on Change** conference subtitle. A priority for Auxiliaries is succession planning. Growing older—the most certain of changes—also brings opportunity as baby boomers age, active seniors live longer, and the number of retirees increases. Targeting this pool of available talent and reaching out to those still in the workforce, will be key to our sustainability. A change of focus from our needs and expectations to theirs will allow us to capitalize on these shifting demographics. But whatever the strategy, our message is clear: to those who wish to pay it forward, healthcare Auxiliaries are a fine fit.



President's Message

As the B.C. Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries enters its 75th year of service in our Province, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to each of our dedicated, hard working volunteers.



Please take a few minutes to look at the figures on the following page detailing your accomplishments in 2018. The volunteer hours that you have dedicated to your Thrift Stores, Gift Shops, Tag Days, Galas, Community Events, other fundraisers, and serving in your local hospitals and extended care facilities are amazing! What you do is priceless and there is no way to attach a monetary value to your gift of time and service. We are rewarded in other ways.

Let me share a story that happened a couple of years ago at our Auxiliary Tag Day.

An elderly gentleman approached me, searched his pockets and said, "I'm sorry but this is all I have but please take it if it will help," and he handed me his last thirteen cents.

Those few pennies contributed to the millions of dollars donated for medical equipment and supplies for healthcare facilities, awarding bursaries to young people pursuing careers in medicine and much more. His gift touched me deeply.

As I complete my first year as President, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our Health Authorities, Community Organizations, Businesses, the Residents of our Communities, and especially to each and every Auxiliary Volunteer. Thank You.

May you have a healthy and successful year "Helping Healthcare the Auxiliary Way"!

Sincerely,

Marge Anderson

President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	Operating Fund	Tribute Fund	2018 Total	2017 Total
Current Assets				
Cash	27,154	9,672	36,826	78,807
Investments - GIC	95,000	30,882	125,882	110,887
Accounts receivable	772	-	772	413
GST receivable	82	-	82	1,804
Prepaid expenses	2,650	-	2,650	2,465
	125,658	40,554	166,212	194,376
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	365	-	365	2,390
Deferred contributions	30,000	-	30,000	60,405
	30,365	-	30,365	62,795
Fund Balances				
Unrestricted	95,293	-	95,293	89,338
Restricted	-	40,554	40,554	42,243
	95,293	40,554	135,847	131,581
	125,658	40,554	166,212	194,376

STATISTICS	2017	2018
Member Auxiliaries 31/12/18	76	76
Auxiliaries Reporting	74	76
Adult Members	6,083	6,254
Adult Volunteer Hours	1,159,324	1,235,634
Youth Members	596	371
Youth Volunteer Hours	18,377	15,280
Bursaries to Youth	277,000	303,864
Funds Donated to Health Care	8,594,137	9,946,381
Total Funds Donated	8,871,137	10,250,245



Pictured at the October, 2018 midterm BCAHA Board meeting are BCAHA Board members: (back row, left to right) Cheryl Fry, Okanagan Mainline Area Director; Claire Wessan, Vancouver Island Area Director (former); Myra Abstreiter, East Kootenay Area Director; Carole Murray, Lower Mainland Area Director; (middle row) Alyce Campbell, Fraser Valley Area Director; Allana Ferro, Kootenay Boundary Area Director; Sharon Egglestone, Northeast Area Director; Winette McEwan, Northwest Area Director; (front row) Val Wright, Director of Finance; Tim Sader, Director of Communications; Margaret Anderson, President; Diane Thornton, Vice President; Lynda Avis, Immediate Past President; Anne Marie Smith, Secretary. Not pictured: Simone Halpin, Vancouver Island Area Director (current).

“Then and Now” photo captions, page 2: (top) inaugural leaders of the Quesnel Hospital Ladies Auxiliary meet (1910), and delegates vote at BCAHA’s annual conference (2018); (middle) life members proudly display their pins at Lions Gate Hospital Auxiliary, North Vancouver (1968), and Chemainus Auxiliary Thrift Shop volunteers eagerly promote their reusable Red Bags (2018); (bottom) Auxiliary gift shops are a one-stop site for commerce and chat at Lions Gate Hospital (1960s) and at today’s Sechelt Hospital on the Sunshine Coast.

Photo, page 3: Healthcare Auxiliary Day attracts smiles and good cheer in the lobby of the Sechelt Hospital on May 10, 2018.