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CEO & BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE

PULSE 2022 FOCUSES ON MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

At the heart of the Victoria Foundation, and evident in its success, is our collaborative approach to building a vibrant, caring, and inclusive community.

The last few years have presented significant challenges – the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change (seen in several major weather events in British Columbia and around the globe), and the ongoing struggle to overcome historical and systemic barriers to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Solutions to these problems will not come from one person, organization, or community. Instead, moving forward means acting together.



That is the reason our theme for the 2022 edition of *Pulse* magazine and blog is *Forward Together*.

In this year's edition of *Pulse* magazine and blog, you will find examples of how regional organizations work in concert. You will learn, for example, how the Victoria Foundation supports the work of *Surrounded by Cedar* as it helps to ensure that urban Indigenous children stay out of care. This work is essential, given that two-thirds of children and youth presently in care on South Vancouver Island are Indigenous, as noted in the 2021 *Vital Signs* report. You will also find more information about the *New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community*, an inspiring account of donors and the community coming together to help people recover from addiction. Finally, there are stories about the Foundation's foray into impact investing and our successes.

There are a few changes to this year's *Pulse* program. Our magazine content is now supplemented with a blog, available at **victoriafoundation.bc.ca/pulse**, where we can share up-to-date information and stories with you. Please take a look – we welcome your feedback!

The Foundation's mission is to strengthen community well-being by investing in people, opportunities, and solutions. We could not do that without the generosity of our donors and the perseverance and dedication of our many partners, staff, and volunteers. We offer our gratitude for your unyielding commitment to move forward together.

Sandra Richardson
Victoria Foundation CEO

Rajiv Gandhi
Victoria Foundation Board Chair



With an estimated 17,240 people who identify as Aboriginal, Greater Victoria is home to a rich diversity of Indigenous peoples and cultures. We would like to acknowledge that the Victoria Foundation's office is located on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen people, as represented by the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.



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ABOUT THE VICTORIA FOUNDATION

OUR VISION: A VIBRANT, CARING COMMUNITY FOR ALL

Established in 1936, the Victoria Foundation is Canada's second-oldest community foundation and sixth largest of over 200 nationwide. We manage charitable gifts from donors whose generosity allows us to create permanent, income-earning funds. The proceeds from these funds are then distributed as grants for charitable or educational purposes. To date, the Victoria Foundation has invested more than \$287 million in people, projects, and non-profit organizations that strengthen communities in BC and throughout Canada.





Chief Russ Chipps Addresses the Audience | Photo: Amy Lobbo

MARY HILL INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA PROJECT

Neighbours and Friends: Building Trust and Community

ON THE SHORES OF THE SALISH SEA, ADJOINING THE DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN, THERE IS A 136-HECTARE (338 ACRE) PARCEL OF LAND THAT HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE SINCE BEFORE WORLD WAR II.

Ecologically essential and culturally significant, the region is the ancestral land of the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation and comprises a considerable portion of the last old-growth coastal Douglas fir. The First Nation is part of the Te'mexw Treaty Association, which is negotiating on behalf of the Sc'ianew to acquire the property, currently owned by the Department of National Defence, as Treaty Settlement Lands.

Sc'ianew is exploring options as they prepare for ownership of this property. While a more conventional development plan is a prospect, an alternative is to preserve the land as an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA). While still relatively rare in Canada, IPAs are defined by the Indigenous Circle of Experts as "initiatives to protect lands and waters where Indigenous governments have the primary role in protecting and conserving ecosystems through Indigenous laws, governance, and knowledge systems."

Indigenous-Led Land Protection

In early 2022, the Sc'ianew First Nation and the District of Metchosis, Habitat Acquisition Trust, and Pearson College UWC entered into a Standstill Agreement to work together with a goal of creating an IPA on the land. This was the culmination of three years of collaboration.

Pearson College UWC has offered an additional 14 hectares (36 acres) of undeveloped land adjoining its main campus to be included in the IPA. "We have a great deal of interest in ensuring that these lands remain wild and undeveloped," said Brian Geary, director of communications at Pearson. "Many of our educational initiatives are experiential, where students may have the opportunity to learn on the land with the Sc'ianew and other South Island Coast Salish nations."

Funding from the Victoria Foundation created time and space to develop the relationships required to return this land to Sc'ianew, building friendships between communities

and forming a commitment not to pursue other development options during the standstill agreement.

"It was easy to do this work together because, beyond talking about reconciliation, we were treating each other as genuine equals. We are all human beings. We are working together, maybe with different interests but one common goal."

— Chief Russell Chipps, Sc'ianew First Nation

Finding the Funds

"The role the Metchosin Foundation and Habitat Acquisition Trust jointly took on was to secure grants for the funding necessary to take us through essential conceptual and feasibility phases of this project," shared Morgan Yates, vice president of the Metchosin Foundation. "Not only was the Victoria Foundation the first to commit financial support, they provided a third of the total budget and were pivotal in our ability to attract other funding sources."

"We need people to engage with the project to help us gather resources and knowledge," shared Katie Blake, executive director of Habitat Acquisition Trust. "At the end of the day, this is still a decision for Sc'ianew, so we're doing everything we can to secure the potential success of an IPA should the nation desire to go that way." 📍



Photo: Amy Lobbo



VICTORIA'S VITAL SIGNS 2021

Measuring well-being. Creating change.

The Victoria Foundation takes an active role in addressing the issues of concern in our community. Victoria's Vital Signs® focuses on 12 key issue areas, including giving each a grade based on public opinion findings and presenting some of the ways issues are addressed.

THE AVERAGE GRADE, WHEN PARTICIPANTS WERE ASKED TO RATE THEIR **OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE**:

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Top 5 things to make Greater Victoria an even better place to live:



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING



2

SOCIAL SERVICES



3

PUBLIC SAFETY



4

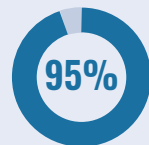
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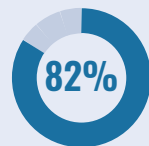
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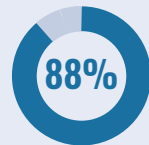
EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN GREATER VICTORIA



said they are very accepting of people from different cultural backgrounds



said it is important to foster, learn about, and respect Indigenous culture, values, and traditions



said they feel accepted for who they are



58%

OF BIPOC RESPONDENTS SAID THEY FEEL INCLUDED



60%

OF BIPOC RESPONDENTS SAID THEY FEEL RESPECTED



54%

OF BIPOC RESPONDENTS SAID THEY HAVE EXCELLENT OR GOOD ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE FOOD FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY

NOTE: BIPOC STANDS FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR

VITALVICTORIA

The Victoria Foundation is pleased to have an online data hub called Vital Victoria. Vital Victoria has over 60 indicators on the quality of life in Greater Victoria.

Check it out today to find out more at:

[Victoriafoundation.bc.ca/vital-victoria](https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/vital-victoria)





WHAT IS TRUST-BASED PHILANTHROPY?

THE VICTORIA FOUNDATION IS COMMITTED TO THE TRUST-BASED PHILANTHROPY MODEL. YOU WILL SEE THE MODEL IN ACTION THROUGHOUT THE MAGAZINE AND BLOG.



A MODEL THAT
WORKS TO
SHIFT POWER IN
PHILANTHROPY



CENTRES JUSTICE
AND EQUITY
IN SERVICE OF A
HEALTHIER AND
MORE EQUITABLE
NONPROFIT
ECOSYSTEM



LEADS TO INCREASED
COMMUNITY IMPACT
AND BETTER GRANTEE
OUTCOMES

COMMITTED TO BUILDING
RELATIONSHIPS
BASED ON HUMILITY
AND TRANSPARENCY



6 Principles of Trust-Based Philanthropy

GIVE MULTI-YEAR,
UNRESTRICTED FUNDING



SIMPLIFY & STREAMLINE
PAPERWORK



DO THE
HOMEWORK



BE TRANSPARENT
& RESPONSIVE



SOLICIT & ACT
ON FEEDBACK



OFFER SUPPORT
BEYOND THE CHEQUE

Find out more at trustbasedphilanthropy.org



Building Connections

"I'll never forget March 17, 2020," said Jennifer Chuckry, executive director of Surrounded by Cedar Child & Family Services. "We told everyone to 'go home and don't come in tomorrow.' Like many organizations, we were trying to figure things out on the fly. Thank goodness for our flexible team and their passion for supporting the children and youth we work with, because we had only three laptops for our group of 30 and a single teleconference line that cost us six cents per minute — per user — dialling in. We didn't have Skype or Zoom yet, and it was incredibly stressful."

"It was the Rapid Relief Fund that actually mobilized us to be able to do the work virtually. The Victoria Foundation reached out to connect with us, and I gave them a list of what we were doing and what we needed. Then lo and behold, we had \$84,000 in our account. I was humbled and shocked. It really was the Victoria Foundation's Rapid Relief Fund that made it possible for us to continue to do our work."

Surrounded by Cedar Child & Family Services is a delegated agency that provides child and family support, rooted in Indigenous cultural values, to Indigenous children and youth so they can grow up connected to family, community, and culture. The agency is deeply connected to the community through programs for caregivers, child and youth counselling, cultural programming, youth agreements, Elders in Residence, and more. "We've hosted an annual Aboriginal Back to School picnic since 2003, providing backpacks filled with supplies for Indigenous children and youth returning to school," shared Chuckry. "The first year, we gave out 45 backpacks. In 2019 we distributed nearly 3,500. We don't ask people to provide proof of income or 'demonstrate their poorness' around why they need the supplies because life circumstances can come up for all of us. We're focused on doing the best work we can on behalf of our kids."

Building Space

Surrounded by Cedar was also the recipient of a Community Recovery Program grant from the Victoria Foundation to fund additional office space and an upgrade to meet the demand for services during the pandemic.

"Right before COVID, we finished a small renovation in our current space to fit our growing team," explained Chuckry. "The setup was a nice, shared space, but it wasn't possible to have multiple people working in it with pandemic protections in place. Fortunately, another area in the building became available, and we were able to use the recovery funds to outfit it with safety in mind for our team, ensuring we could connect with more children and provide the support they need, as they need it."

"It's important for the Victoria community to understand the profound impact the Victoria Foundation had on small organizations in the pandemic. I think many agencies may not have survived, or be where they are today, without the critical support of the Foundation." 🙏



BETTER THROUGH BROTHERHOOD

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHANGE, HOW DO YOU ADAPT YOUR LIFESTYLE TO BECOME THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE? THAT'S THE CRUX OF THE QUESTION POSED TO THE MEN ENTERING THE NEW ROADS THERAPEUTIC RECOVERY COMMUNITY, OPERATED BY OUR PLACE SOCIETY, IN VIEW ROYAL. THE ANSWER? BY LEARNING HOW TO LIVE AND WORK WITHIN A COMMUNITY. THE HEALING STARTS WITH A GROUP OF MEN LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

"New Roads represents a tangible success in treating addiction and supporting folks to sustainable sobriety," said Julian Daly, chief executive officer of Our Place Society. "We've been successful for two key reasons. The first is that it's a community: men living together, learning together, and working together, supporting each other because they know what the other men have gone through. The second is the length of time they can stay, from nine months to two years. Most treatment programs in our province are 60 days or 90 days maximum, and as one of the men said to me, 'I've been addicted to drugs and alcohol since I was twelve. How can I undo decades of addiction

in just 60 days? I've been here for nine months, and I'm only now learning how to deal with my demons and finding the tools to sustain my sobriety.'"

Turning Pavement into Possibility

New Roads today looks nothing like the building it once was. Where once lay a barren basketball court — a single backboard exemplifying the purposeful isolation — now stands an open-walled cedar lodge, with seating welcoming everyone whether they want privacy or companionship. The blacktop courtyard was replaced by a tranquil garden, with places to connect and reflect surrounded by nature.

New structures, funded by donors, house new life in the pond, greenhouse, and chicken coop.

"We turned that paved courtyard into a healing garden."

— Cheryl Diebel, director,
Our Place Society

Foundations Built in Phases

The initial phase of the New Roads program is six to eight weeks, with medical care and no contact outside the peer community. This helps the men ground themselves and evaluate their outside connections.

The second phase is the heavy lifting: group work and individual sessions with a therapist to get to the root of their addictions and triggers and plan for their recovery. It's at least four months of work but might go six or longer if that's what is needed. The third phase reconnects the men to the outside community, which often includes a fellow in the fourth phase taking a mentorship role for the newly third-phase guys. The program's final stage encourages the men to focus on employment and educational programs to prepare them for life outside New Roads.

“Recognizing milestones, whether it’s the length of sobriety or advancement through the stages they’re going through, is vital to the program as well as to the men.”

— Cheryl Diebel, director,
Our Place Society

Celebrating Together

Each month, the men of New Roads gather to celebrate individual advancements, completing a phase, or achieving a milestone. They receive a certificate of completion, and their mentor stands up to share positive stories about them and the work they’ve been doing. It’s an evening of celebration, with the men cheering each other on and reinforcing the bonds made during their time together.

Good Neighbours

Funded through the generosity of three local philanthropic families, JAYMAC Place is home for up to six New Roads alumni. The men who go there are within an educational program or working. “Before we moved into the house in Saanich,” said Cheryl Diebel, director, Our Place Society, “we went door-to-door to the neighbours, talking about the program and the men who would be living at JAYMAC Place. Once the men moved in, we delivered flyers and held a barbecue. The neighbours even brought housewarming gifts. It was a nice experience and let us know we were

welcome in the community.” The men living at JAYMAC Place continue to have positive connections with their neighbours.

A Community of Support

Funding for the healing garden at New Roads and the purchase of the transition home was made possible through the JAYMAC Fund, a donor-advised fund held at the Victoria Foundation from an anonymous benefactor. These gifts were matched by private donations secured by Our Place Society. For many of the men at New Roads, a lack of community drew them into addiction, and it will take a brotherhood to help them find the necessary tools to sustain their sobriety. Through the generosity and support of Victoria Foundation donors, anonymous or not, the foundation is looking forward to these men feeling comfortable with their place in the community. The Victoria Foundation-facilitated contributions are a proud testimony to how the local community supports the brotherhood living and learning at New Roads and JAYMAC Place. 



INTRODUCING

THE PULSE BLOG



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[VICTORIAFOUNDATION.BC.CA/PULSE](https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/pulse)





WHAT'S IN A NAME?

WHEN IT COMES TO GIVING VIA THE VICTORIA FOUNDATION, THERE ARE A VARIETY OF VEHICLES TO HELP YOU SUPPORT THE CAUSE — OR CAUSES —YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT.

You can donate to an existing program, create a new endowment fund, or support the Community Action Funds and let the Victoria Foundation allocate your gift to the areas of greatest need within the nine cause-areas we currently address.

Once you've made the donation, how do you want to be recognized? For some people and businesses, they're happy to include their name as a visible supporter of their cause, building a legacy to carry on after they're gone. But there are others who, for their own reasons, prefer to stay out of the limelight for their donation. They might name their fund with something important to them, like their initials or a favourite item — we even have funds named for pets or special places that have meaning to the donors. Or they might opt to make their donation anonymously, choosing to let their gift be the focus to ensure the cause receives the recognition it deserves.

Home Grown

The JAYMAC Fund, established in 2018 by a long-standing supporter of the Victoria Foundation, is a donor-advised fund from an anonymous donor. In this relatively short timeline, the fund has been used to support important causes, such as the Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards Program, Broadmead Care (through an innovative and effective donation-matching program), and to plant the seeds of recovery at the New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community. The initial donation to New Roads was to fund the development of a healing garden for the residents, and as that idea took root, it became the foundation for the next phase of therapy for men learning how to enjoy a life of sobriety: a transition home in Saanich.

Based on the generous seed support of the JAYMAC Fund, Our Place Society was able to secure full funding for JAYMAC Place



Recovery Home, a safe space for alumni of the New Roads program. While the men may not know precisely who their benefactor is, the donor knows they made a positive difference in the community, and that's a legacy to be proud of.

Visit [VictoriaFoundation.bc.ca](https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca) to learn more about the ways in which you can donate to the causes you're passionate about. 



2021 Financial Highlights

The Victoria Foundation continues to strengthen community well-being by investing in people, opportunities, and solutions. As of the end of 2021, the Victoria Foundation has granted \$287 million since our inception. Starting from humble beginnings with a \$20 gift from Fannie Gadsden, the mother of our founder Burges Gadsden, the Foundation continues to work to create a vibrant caring community for all.

\$497
MILLION IN
ASSETS

under administration
including 57 new funds

9.55%
INVESTMENT
RETURNS

ten-year annualized
investment returns

\$37+
MILLION IN
GIFTS

including bequest
donations and gifts
of securities

- \$948 thousand unrestricted
- \$9.5 million pass-through
- \$10.3 million restricted term
- \$16.9 million endowment

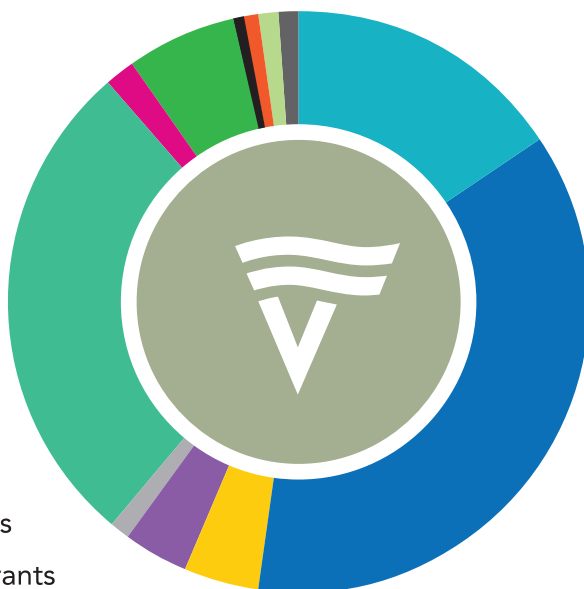
Grants Distributed

1,577
GRANTS
DISTRIBUTIONS

All grants go to federally
registered charities or
other qualified donees

\$20+
MILLION

- \$13.5M endowed grants
- \$6.7M non-endowed grants bringing our total awarded to over \$287M since 1936



2021 GRANTS BY VITAL SIGNS INDICATOR AREA

Arts & Culture	15.66%
Belonging & Engagement	36.71%
Economy	4.02%
Environment	3.86%
Getting Started	0.92%
Health & Wellness	27.58%
Housing	1.68%
Learning	6.10%
Safety	0.65%
Sport & Recreation	0.74%
Standard of Living	0.97%
Transportation	1.11%



COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROGRAM

THE 2021 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROGRAM, THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS TO THE VICTORIA FOUNDATION, PROVIDED \$3,132,457 TO COMMUNITY ENDEAVOURS THROUGHOUT VICTORIA.

Through this venture, 142 community organizations received crucial grants to support vulnerable communities and recover from the economic challenges of the pandemic. Here are a few of the organizations supporting our community.



Photo courtesy: Maritime Museum of BC

Running a Tight Ship

The pandemic may have stopped people from coming to the Maritime Museum of British Columbia, but it didn't stop the museum from coming to the people. "Funding from the Victoria Foundation enabled us to keep our full-time staff and the capacity to rethink our programs as digital offerings," shared Brittany Vis, executive director. "We're now in a space where we can operate rotating exhibits as well as a series of programs and workshops. We've been able to bring back some of the popular in-person programs, like Museum Tots on Saturday mornings and craft workshops on Saturday afternoons. We wouldn't be here if it weren't for the support of grants like the Community Recovery Program."

Rooted in Community

The Greater Victoria Green Team, part of the Green Teams of Canada charity, builds and empowers diverse communities through hands-on activities that promote health, well-being, and environmental stewardship. While the group focuses on removing invasive species, the true crop is the connection made through the experience. "Since 2021, we've engaged 1,400 volunteers in 28 activities to remove 300 cubic metres of invasive plants in Greater Victoria," shared Amanda Evans, director of programs and partnerships. "The Victoria Foundation provides funding for our full-time staff to do this important work, with operational capacity that enables success and empowers organizations like ours to do the amazing work of building community."



Focused on the Work

The Existence Project is a grassroots non-profit organization focused on finding and sharing the stories that unite individuals across socioeconomic borders. Funding from the Victoria Foundation supported the planning and implementation of storytelling workshops to connect over 280 residents newly in supportive housing with housed neighbours in their community.

"Funding options like the Community Recovery Program are pivotal for small non-profits because we are so resource dependent," shared Meera Mathew, director of events. "It takes significant time and energy to ensure we have the funds to support our work and the people we're working with. This grant gave us financial security, allowing us to put 100% of our effort into the actual initiatives: connecting storytellers with community associations. When we don't have the background stress of finding the funds, it frees up our capacity to fully do the work." 🌱



In Memoriam

THE VICTORIA FOUNDATION LOST A NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS OVER THE PAST YEAR. OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEY WILL BE MISSED.

Fund Holders

Agnes Ananichuk (June 2021) and her partner, George Ford, established the George Ford Fund, a donor-advised fund to support their favourite charities and areas of interest. George will continue as the donor advisor. Agnes also provided for a gift in her will to be added to Victoria Visual Arts Legacy Society Fund held at the Foundation, which she helped to establish.

Betty Maurice (June 2021) established the Bayberry Fund, a designated fund that provides annual funding to five named charities, including the Victoria Foundation's community grants program.

Barbara Potash (August 2021) and her daughter, Kim, established the Ruby Red Fund in honour of Philip Potash by supporting his philanthropic interests and those of his family in the Greater Victoria region. Kim will continue as the donor advisor to support the family's philanthropic priorities.

Patricia Blackstock (September 2021) established the Patricia Blackstock Family Fund, a donor-advised fund to support single parents and women who are homeless or in need. Patricia's sons, Scott and Andrew, will continue to act as the donor advisors to carry out their mother's philanthropic legacy.

Claire Holmes (September 2021) established Claire's Fund, a donor-advised fund that was later converted to a designated fund which provides support to local charities that were important to her.

Ronald Jakimchuk (October 2021). As a consulting wildlife biologist, Ron wanted to support his passion and career and established the Ron Jakimchuk Wildlife Heritage Foundation, a designated fund to support the preservation of wildlife data in British Columbia.

Shirley Pinch (March 2022) and **Harvey Pinch** (April 2022) established the Pinch Family Trust Fund, a donor-advised fund to support the family's philanthropic priorities. Their children, Brian and Darlene, and Brian's wife, Diane, will continue to act as the donor advisors of the fund.

Wendy Cooper (March 2022) established the John Russell Cooper Memorial Bursary in memory of her late husband to recognize his love of boating and the sea. The fund will support disadvantaged youth to participate in a local sailing program.

Sheila Henley (May 2022) served as Executive Director for eight years and was a Lifetime Honorary Governor of the Victoria Foundation. Her dedication and vision helped make a difference in the community, leaving an impact felt for many years. The Henley Family Fund will continue to support the community that Sheila held so dear.

Helen Hughes (May 2022) was a champion of many issues in our community, leaving an indelible mark as a beloved community organizer and leader. Both former Honorary Governors, Helen and her husband Edward N. "Ted" Hughes (d. 2020) established the Ted and Helen Hughes Fund to support undergraduate students entering the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria.

John Walton (May 2022) and his late wife Patricia "Joan" Walton (d. 2013) supported the Royal BC Museum, among other causes in our community. Much like their own zest for life and career, they supported innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit at the museum. We are grateful to John for his service as an Honorary Governor of the Foundation.

Other donors who have generously supported us through their estate plan:

Jocelyn Braithwaite (January 2021) named the Victoria Foundation as a beneficiary of her estate. The gift will allow the Foundation to proactively respond to vital issues in the community and provide ongoing support for our community grants program.

Richard Andersen (April 2021) was a Victoria Circle member and provided a gift in his will to establish the Judith and Richard Andersen Fund. The Fund will support young musicians, public performances of early music, animal welfare, housing, and marginalized citizens in Victoria.

Adam Ustik (May 2021) named the Victoria Foundation as the residual beneficiary in his will to establish the Adam Ustik Memorial Fund. The fund will provide opportunities for amateur youth to participate in various sports without having to pay a fee.

William Lovell (May 2021) named the Victoria Foundation as the residual beneficiary in his will. His love for animals will continue in the establishment of the William Robert Lovell Fund to support a local organization that serves sick, neglected, abused, and homeless animals.

Robert Boyes (June 2021) was a Victoria Circle member and provided a legacy gift to establish the R Boyes and G Wilson Fund. Bob and his late partner, Gary, wanted to support their most valued arts organizations in perpetuity but also support the organizations that helped in Gary's end-of-life care.

Alison Prentice (June 2021) provided for a cash legacy gift in her will to establish the Prentice Family Fund. This pass-through fund will support ten named charitable organizations that were near and dear to her heart. Alison was also a member of the Victoria Circle.



Dorothy Chutter (July 2021) named the Victoria Foundation as a beneficiary in her will. The Foundation worked with her family to ensure that the charitable intentions in the will matched the community granting opportunities that aligned with Dorothy's values to carry out her philanthropic legacy.

Susan Sjostrand (July 2021) was a Victoria Circle member and named the Victoria Foundation as one of many residual beneficiaries in her will. The gift will be added to the Vital Victoria Fund which supports the Foundation's community grants program.

Marnie Trace (September 2021) supported her two favourite international charities annually by way of a pass-through gift during her lifetime. Marnie also provided a cash legacy gift in her will which will continue to support these two charities in perpetuity in the name of the Marnie Trace Legacy Fund.

William Tempest (October 2021) named the Foundation as one of the residual beneficiaries in his will. The gift will allow the Foundation to proactively respond to vital issues in the community and provide ongoing support for our community grants program.

Sheila Davies (December 2021) named the Victoria Foundation as one of the residual beneficiaries of her estate. The gift will be used to support environmental causes through the community grants program.



Robert Boyes & Gary Wilson

THE LEGACY OF ROBERT BOYES AND GARY WILSON

AFTER MEETING IN 1965 AND DISCOVERING A SHARED PASSION FOR TEACHING AND TRAVEL, BOB BOYES AND GARY WILSON ENJOYED ADVENTURES TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE U.S., NEW ZEALAND, AND EUROPE, WITH REPEATED VISITS TO LONDON, SPAIN, AND GREECE.

After retiring from meaningful teaching careers, the pair discussed the concept of leaving a legacy gift. Their initial thoughts leaned toward scholarships and awards for teachers, but given their experience with prostate cancer, the two felt that leaving a legacy to Island Prostate Centre, Victoria Hospice, and their favourite arts organizations was the most rewarding contribution they could make.

Born in 1939 in Carnduff, Saskatchewan, Bob started teacher training right out of high school, then continued in Winnipeg. He completed his degree in Calgary, majoring in art and drama, before spending his entire career with the Calgary Board of Education. Gary, born in 1941 in Riverhurst, Saskatchewan, and raised in Brooks, Alberta, ran the office for his family's construction company in Calgary before completing his degree in education, leading to a role as head of the English department at a middle school.

In 1996 Gary was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. The pair attended the Prostate Cancer Support Group in Victoria — a significant distance from their home — until they established a Men's Support Group on Salt Spring Island to share information and education. This group is still active today.

Six years into Gary's prognosis, they left behind their garden and home on Salt Spring Island for Victoria, to be closer to health services and support their aging parents. They continued their deep involvement with Island Prostate Centre for many years,

including participating in the creation of a video providing information and support for men living with prostate cancer.

Bob and Gary travelled the world during Gary's treatment and made time to support other men experiencing prostate cancer. In 2003 Gary passed away at home with exemplary support from Victoria Hospice.

"Gary had a disdain for arrogance and stupidity and a compassion for those more vulnerable and less fortunate"

— Beloved Friend

After considering a myriad of options for leaving a final gift, Bob elected to create an endowment with the Victoria Foundation so their bequest would remain intact for perpetuity. Due to this very deliberate decision by Bob and Gary, Island Prostate Centre, Victoria Hospice, the Belfry Theatre, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, and the Victoria Symphony will benefit from the Boyes/Wilson legacy for generations to come. 🕊

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