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Your Impact

Throughout the year, the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation provides funding for a wide variety of equipment and patient comfort items for NRGH, Oceanside Health Centre in Parksville and three care facilities.

With the generous support of individual, corporate and community donors, here are some of the items the Hospital Foundation has been able to fund:

- Echocardiograph Ultrasound Units
- O.R. Teaching Mannequin
- Washer and Dryer for the NICU
- Baby Simulator Mannequin
- Bladder Scanner
- Rhinoscopes
- Breast Pumps
- Freezers for the Milk Bank
- Rehabilitation Sit to Stand Lift
- Couches for care facility patients



RN's Laura Miskulin & Sheri Shanahan with the new NICU Washer and Dryer. \$7,330 was donated by Jesse's Gift Foundation with the remainder from other donors.

Campaign to Reduce Colonoscopy Wait Times



Dr. Nathan Schneidereit, Colorectal & General Surgery & Kim Racette, RN

When internal funding falls short, our mission is to ensure all departments have the medical equipment and improvements needed to provide patients with the best healthcare possible.

This year, the Hospital Foundation is raising \$1.5 million to reduce colonoscopy wait times at NRGH.

The project includes a new procedural suite for the Endoscopy Department which will be used predominantly for colonoscopies, preparation rooms and all the medical equipment.

This is a priority as colonoscopies are used to diagnose serious illnesses including Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Diverticulitis and Colon Cancer.

The reasons for a new procedural suite are clear. There are over 3,500 patients currently waiting up to 12 months for a colonoscopy. With the new suite, wait times will be reduced as up to 35% more procedures will be performed each year.

One in every six of us will be diagnosed with Colon Cancer in our lifetime. Colonoscopies make up 80% of all procedures and can be lifesaving. Every additional colonoscopy that can be done at NRGH is vital as we are all patients!

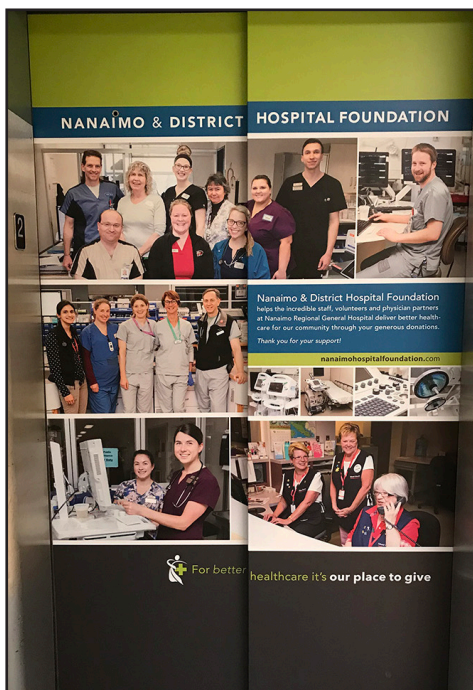
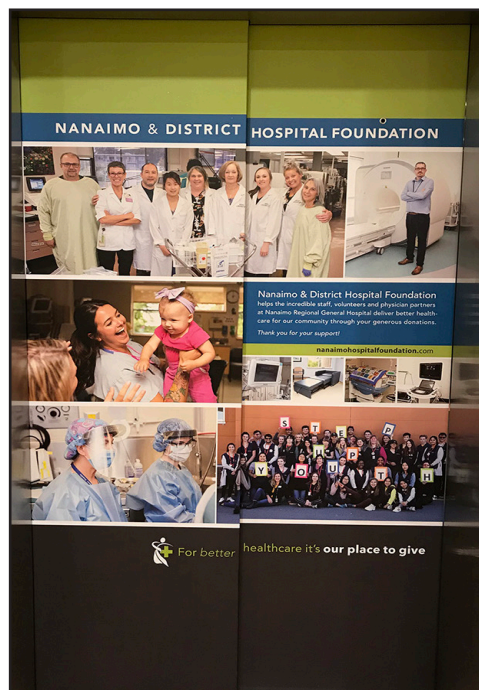
Please make a [donation](#) today and help reduce colonoscopy wait times in our community. Thank you!



RN's Robyn Zuccaro & Judy Mana prepare one of the procedural suites

New Elevator Wraps at NRGH

We're delighted with our new elevator wraps at NRGH! These wraps celebrate the incredible work staff and volunteers do on a daily basis and acknowledge the impact donors have by helping fund the vital medical equipment needed to deliver excellence in care. Four have been installed to date with a few more to come. Keep an eye out for them the next time you're at the hospital!



Cardiac Campaign Update

Thanks to the incredible response from donors, the \$1.8 million cardiac campaign goal has been reached.

As a result, the Hospital Foundation has already funded the purchase of \$500,000 worth of cardiac equipment. This included two echocardiography ultrasound units worth \$138,000 each that are already in place at NRGH. Thank you for your on-going support!

Dr. Natarajan with one of the cardiac ultrasound units at NRGH



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Staff Education

The Hospital Foundation also funds continuing education so medical staff have access to the latest knowledge and techniques to improve patient care. Recently funded courses:

- Paediatric Emergency First Aid
- Psychosocial Care of the Dying and Bereaved
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support



Golf for Life

RSVP for the Hospital Foundation's 26th annual Golf for Life tournament on September 6, 2019 at Fairwinds Golf Club! Contact Rebecca today to secure your spot at rebecca.taylor@viha.ca



Lifeline & Code Brew

Thousands of people are living independently at home due to the support offered by the Lifeline program. Visit www.nanaimolifeline.ca.

Enjoy the wide variety of beverages and tasty snacks at Code Brew located at NRGH. Follow on-line at www.facebook.com/codebrew.nrg

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