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ELDERCARE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

EVERY SENIOR DESERVES THE CHANCE TO AGE WITH DIGNITY

Connection, comfort, and care: your impact across Vancouver Island

Last year, Eldercare Foundation supported more than 1,000 long-term care (LTC) residents — a 20% increase over the previous year. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, that impact continues to grow across Island Health–run long-term care homes throughout Vancouver Island.

Your support helped make meaningful improvements possible, such as:

- ✓ Funding a secure call bell system at the Chemainus LTC home to enhance resident safety
- ✓ Contributing to the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation's campaign to improve three long-term care homes in Nanaimo and Oceanside
- ✓ Providing a new accessible bus for LTC residents on Cormorant Island, just off the northeast coast of Vancouver Island



Staff on Cormorant Island are thrilled with their new accessible bus funded by Eldercare donors like you!

For residents on Cormorant Island, the new bus is truly life-changing. “Our residents haven’t been on an outing in years,” shares Juliet Bullock, Site Manager at Cormorant Island Health Centre. “Thanks to this generous gift from Eldercare, our new bus has arrived. Beyond outings, the bus will also provide essential transportation in the event of an evacuation.”

This vehicle is just one example of how Eldercare Foundation helps Island seniors live with dignity, purpose, and connection. Through donor support, Eldercare funds equipment such as specialized mattresses, robotic pets, and iPads, along with enriching programs like music therapy and gardening — initiatives that bring comfort, joy, and engagement into daily life.

As Executive Director Tom Arnold explains, Eldercare’s mission goes far beyond meeting medical needs. ***“Seniors in care need more than clinical support. They need experiences that connect them with happy memories and restore a sense of purpose and meaning in their lives.”***

Because of our compassionate community of supporters like you, Eldercare Foundation continues to make that vision a reality — ensuring seniors across Vancouver Island can age with dignity, purpose, and joy. Thank you for your support!

Investing in care: Eldercare scholarships help to shape the future

“Thank you for your extreme generosity in providing me with scholarship funds. The ability to further my education while having the financial burden eased through your gift is truly invaluable.”

Angela Morehouse is passionate about leading teams and empowering them to deliver the best possible care to patients. A registered nurse for more than 20 years, Angela currently serves as Manager of Clinical Operations for two units at Gorge Road Health Centre, supporting patients in transitional care as they await long-term-care placement.

In September 2024, Angela took the next step in her leadership journey by enrolling in a Master’s in Health Management at McMaster University. She says the program is giving her the tools she needs to be the strongest leader she can be – benefiting both her team and the seniors in her care.



Angela Morehouse, RN, BScN

Thanks to the generosity of Eldercare donors like you, Angela – a recent recipient of the **Jack Howard Scholarship in Gerontology** – can now focus on her studies with greater peace of mind. As a single mother, Angela is deeply committed to setting a positive example for her children.

“With the help of the Jack Howard Scholarship from Eldercare, I can maintain my normal work hours and still spend precious time with my kids while I pursue my studies,” she shares.

Angela is expected to graduate in April 2027. *“Thank you, Eldercare,”* she says. *“This truly is a wonderful boost.”*

Your generosity transformed loneliness into meaningful connection

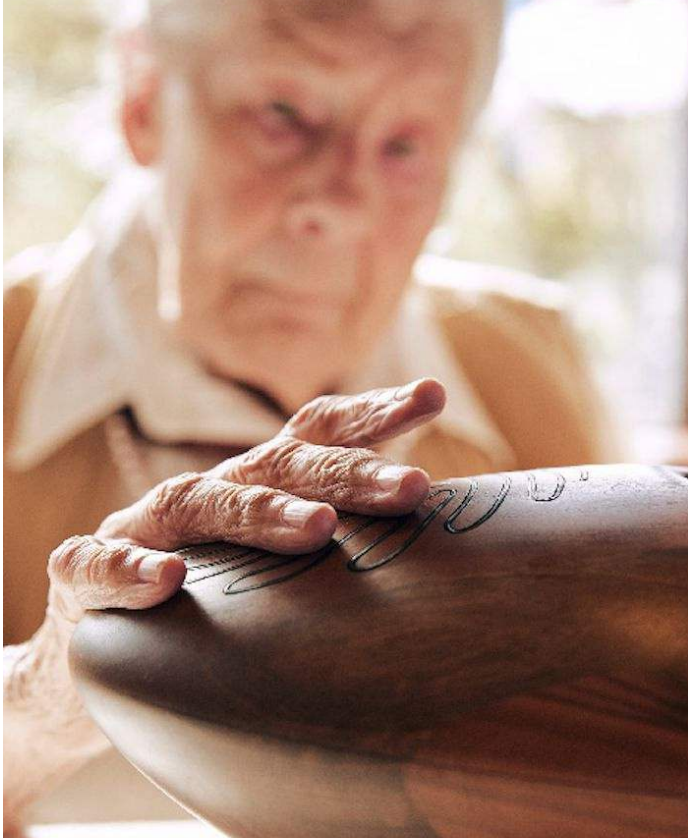
Your support of our fall campaign brought more than 50 robotic companion pets to seniors in local long-term care homes. They are one of many therapeutic tools Eldercare funds to bring comfort and connection to those who need it most. They may look simple, but in the hands of a lonely senior, they bring real comfort, calm, and joy. These lifelike companions don’t replace people – they support caregivers and bring warmth when human company isn’t always possible.



“I’ll never forget the day that robotic pets were brought in from Eldercare. Residents faces just lit up. We saw residents who had been withdrawn have their personalities shine through with these pets. They fell in love with them, and their joy was contagious.”

- Matthew Kam, Dietitian, The Summit

When touch becomes music: creating connection at life's most tender moments



Eldercare is proud to be funding an innovative therapeutic intervention known as CRDL. This beautifully designed therapeutic instrument transforms human touch into sound—responding to handholding, gentle strokes, taps, or playful tickles by sensing the natural electrical currents that flow through our bodies.

So far the instrument has delivered extraordinary results at the Summit, where it is being trialled. Staff member, Naomi Sikora, recently shared a moving experience that captures the impact of this remarkable tool.

During a visit with a family whose loved one was receiving palliative, end-of-life care, conversation turned to cherished memories and the central role music had played throughout their lives. “I realized right there and then that this was such a perfect moment to introduce the CRDL,” says Naomi.

Naomi brought the device into the room. Eight family members gathered and were immediately drawn to its artistic beauty and thoughtful design. After a brief explanation, the CRDL was gently placed on the resident's lap. As her hand rested on one side and a family member's hand on the other, something extraordinary happened.

When the family member reached out to touch the resident's face, the CRDL responded, filling the room with the most beautiful, peaceful music. The family formed a circle, holding hands, surrounded by sound and shared emotion. There were tears, smiles, and a profound sense of togetherness.

“We all felt the connection and the power of this tool,” the staff member shared. “I believe this experience will remain a cherished memory for the family for a long time.”

Moments like these are only possible because of donor support.



Please consider making a donation today. Your gift will support the purchase of more therapeutic tools like CRDL, helping us create comfort, connection, and meaning when it matters most.

Visit: eldercarefoundation.org/donate



Developed in the Netherlands, CRDL is used in 1,500+ healthcare facilities in Europe, Asia and North-America. CRDL won a prestigious CES Innovation Award in 2023 for outstanding design and engineering.

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Companioned Medical Visits: Expanding our Resident-in-Need Fund

For many seniors, the cost of long-term care often leaves little room for essential items not covered by our healthcare system. Residents with financial barriers can request support from the Resident-in-Need Fund through their social worker to receive vital personal items such as clothing, eyeglasses, or hearing aid batteries.

New in 2026, Eldercare is proud to pilot a service to provide companion support for essential medical appointments outside of care homes. Seniors with financial barriers and no family support who need help attending off-site medical appointments can now travel safely with ease.



Paying Tribute to Someone Special

The individuals listed below have been remembered by friends and loved ones with a donation to Eldercare Foundation, made in memory or in honour, between September 30, 2025 and January 14, 2026. Eldercare is grateful to receive such meaningful gifts that, in paying tribute to someone special, help enhance care and quality of life for other seniors in need.

In Memory: Tom Anderson, Tom Bailey, Walter T. Carter, Peter Frazier, Thomas Hayes, "Grandma", Jane Krieger, Gail M. MacDonald, Elizabeth Mill, Douglas G. Nicholson, Gemma Simeoni, Georgina Sinclair, Jeanette Sloan, Larry Sullivan, Neil & Kathleen Sutherland, Bob and Rosemary Watts

In Honour: Catherine Bailey, Nancy E. Bailey, Sara Dillistone, "Lisa", Carol Taplin



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