

The difference is

YOU

The Difference is *You*

A Message from Our CEO & Board Chair

You may not always get to witness the most meaningful moments in healthcare, but they happen every day because of you.

They happen when someone is given more time with the person they love. They happen when a family learns that specialized care is available locally, easing the burden of travelling far from home. They happen when a physician chooses Kamloops because they see a hospital, a Foundation, and a community standing behind them.

The 2025-2026 year will be remembered as the most successful fundraising year in Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Foundation's history. It is a milestone we celebrate with humility and immense gratitude because it reflects something deeply meaningful: trust in our hospital and the Foundation's mission, care for our neighbours, and a shared belief that

people across the Thompson Cariboo Shuswap region deserve access to exceptional healthcare close to home.

Because of you, dreams long imagined became real.

Your support is helping recruit and retain the brightest minds in medicine, bringing diverse expertise, greater capacity, and new possibilities to Kamloops. Over the past year, your generosity helped contribute to 30 accepted offers from specialists across vital areas of healthcare, each one representing forward progress and a more sustainable future for patients in our region.

That same generosity helped purchase a beautiful nine-bedroom home in downtown Kamloops, bringing comfort and refuge to patients having to travel from out of town for care. It helped bring InspireHealth's Supportive Cancer Care Centre to Kamloops, ensuring cancer patients and their loved ones can access compassionate, whole-

person support close to home. It helped healthcare professionals feel welcomed and supported in Kamloops through affordable accommodation, professional development opportunities, and meaningful community connections.

This year brought visible progress inside RIH as well. Renovations to the Teck Emergency Department moved closer to completion, with the Mental Health and Substance Use Area open, the Acute Treatment Zone complete, and the Trauma and Resuscitation Area set to open in 2027. Each renewed space reflects the same promise: to give our healthcare teams the technology and infrastructure they need to deliver care with skill and our patients the dignity and compassion they deserve.

The difference is you. You are the person who gives in gratitude. The business that steps forward and leads by example. The family that honours a loved one. The volunteer who helps someone find their way. The community

member who believes local healthcare is worth investing in. You may never meet every patient touched by your generosity, but your impact is there in the care they receive, the comfort they find, and the reassurance they carry with them long after they leave the hospital.

Sincerely,



Heidi Coleman
Royal Inland Hospital Foundation CEO



Andrew Karpiak
Royal Inland Hospital Foundation Board Chair



Leading the Way

A Message from Royal Inland Hospital Leadership

This year at Royal Inland Hospital, the impact of donor generosity has been felt in every corner of care. From life-saving equipment to enhanced patient experiences, these advances are made possible because our community continues to step forward in meaningful ways. The difference is you, our donors whose compassion and commitment help ensure that patients and families receive the highest quality care, close to home. Your support empowers RIH healthcare teams to do what they do best: deliver exceptional care with skill, dedication, and heart. Together, you are helping shape a stronger, more responsive healthcare system for our region, today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Gerry Desilets, *Royal Inland Hospital*
Executive Director

Dr. Nicole Desforges, *Royal Inland Hospital*
Senior Medical Director Kamloops Acute



Vision | Mission | Values

Enhanced Healthcare, Healthy Communities

The Royal Inland Hospital Foundation is committed to inspiring donors and building meaningful relationships to support Royal Inland Hospital and our community's healthcare needs, both now and in the future.

- We are committed to community
- We demonstrate effective stewardship
- We are focused on impact
- We connect deeply
- We care about people

Our Strategic Pillars

IMPACT Fueling Healthcare, Driving Local Change.

PEOPLE Strengthening People, Building Purpose.

FUNDRAISING Inspiring Giving, Empowering Community.

CAPACITY Delivering Today, Evolving for Tomorrow.

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Looking Back While Making Forward *Strides*

The Afternoon Auxiliary to the Royal Inland Hospital



> A Remarkable Group Forms: After Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) opened in 1885, hospital directors called a public meeting to organize an auxiliary. On November 11, 1899, 34 women of “good character” gathered to support the hospital, and the Ladies Auxiliary was formed.

> Fundraising with Heart: Between 1946 and 1952, Auxiliary cookbooks helped raise funds to purchase stainless steel bedpans for the entire hospital.



> Supporting Future Healthcare Professionals: Bursaries began in the 1920s with awards of \$10 and \$15. In 2026, the Auxiliary

approved \$1,000 bursaries for 16 volunteers pursuing medical education in Canada.



> Shops that Support Care: The Afternoon Auxiliary's thrift store, now known as the Thrift Seller, began in 1963. The Hospital Gift Shop, also still operating today, grew from a concession first run by the Auxiliary in 1967. Together, they remain two of the Auxiliary's most important sources of revenue.

> A Five-Year Gift with Lasting Impact: In 2019, the Afternoon Auxiliary pledged \$1.65 million to support the Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Substance Use Unit and renovations to the Post Anesthetic Recovery Unit, with both areas proudly named in their honour.

> Still Serving, Still Strong: From 34 founding members to 112 members today, the Afternoon Auxiliary continues to serve RIH with care, generosity, and pride.

The Evening Auxiliary to the Royal Inland Hospital



> A Legacy Begins: Formed in April of 1962 with 20 members, the Evening Auxiliary quickly grew and raised \$10,000 to furnish RIH's newborn nursery, including 36 stainless steel bassinets.



> An Entrepreneurial Spirit Takes Root: From a downtown Flea Market launched in 1973 to their annual holiday Craft-A-Fair, one of BC's largest craft fairs, the Evening Auxiliary built creative fundraisers rooted in community. In the past, they also managed TV rentals, opened a

hospital hair salon, offered newborn photo packages, and even started the Employee Lottery.



> Partnerships with Purpose: Since 2006, the Auxiliary's partnership with RIH's coffee shop now known as Sacred Grounds, remains its largest source of income. In 2020, hospital vending machine proceeds created another growing source of support.

> Coming Full Circle: In 2019, the Evening Auxiliary pledged \$850,000 in support of the Together We Rise Campaign. For this generous contribution, the Obstetrical Services Unit was named in their honour. In 2023, their legacy came full circle with the purchase of 20 new bassinets for the unit.

> Still Giving, Still Growing: Since 1962, the Evening Auxiliary has donated \$9 million toward equipment and healthcare services. Today, with 20 committed members, their legacy of service continues with no signs of slowing down.

For Keegan: Supporting the Future of Cancer Care



Today, the Emslands are honouring Keegan's memory with an ambitious goal to raise \$2.5 million in support of cancer care services for patients and families across our region. Their mission is deeply personal, shaped by their own experience and a desire to strengthen the care and support available to other families facing a cancer diagnosis.

As cancer care continues to expand in Kamloops, new technology and specialized services like radiation will create greater opportunities for patients to receive care closer to home. Plans are underway for an MRI suite within the Kamloops Cancer Centre, targeted to open in December 2028. Part of that vision is establishing the suite in Keegan's honour, creating a meaningful tribute to the lasting impact he had on those around him while recognizing the Emsland family's dedication to improving local cancer care.

■ In June 2025, the Emsland family lost their son Keegan following a two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. He was 25 years old.

Like so many families facing a cancer diagnosis, their lives changed in an instant. Suddenly, every appointment, test, and conversation carried enormous weight. They held tightly to every piece of information that could help them understand what Keegan was facing and what might come next.

Through it all, Keegan met each challenge with tremendous strength, optimism and courage. His resilience inspired everyone around him, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The Emsland family knows firsthand how important compassionate care, advanced diagnostics and access to specialized services can be when someone you love is facing cancer. Together, we can honour Keegan's memory by investing in better care, greater support and new possibilities for local patients and families when they need them most.

Keegan's story continues through the people who loved him and through a family determined to make a meaningful difference for others.

To support the Emsland family's mission, scan here.



Imagine What's Possible

■ Behind every advancement in healthcare is a person whose life will depend on what happens next: a diagnosis reached sooner, a procedure performed closer to home, a physician equipped with the necessary technology at precisely the right moment.

The RIH Foundation's highest fundraising priorities are advancing surgical care and expanding specialized treatment locally. Together, we are helping build the next links in care for patients across our region.

The Gold Chain of Care

On March 15, 2026, Verita van Diemen was visiting family in Powell River when she fell down two stairs, striking her head on the hardwood floor below. Her family rushed her to the emergency department, where she received six stitches. With no broken bones or severe headache, Verita returned home and carried on with her life, travelling and making plans with friends and family.

But quietly, something was happening beneath the surface.

Two months later, friends noticed that Verita seemed more tired and unusually quiet. She had also begun struggling with her left leg, which she initially attributed to a previous knee injury. When her foot began catching on the ground, she thought it was unusual but wondered whether muscle weakness from the previous injury might be to blame.

On May 23, during dinner at her sister Lynnette's house, they discussed the weakness in Verita's leg and foot. Lynnette told her, "A tweaked knee would not cause weakness in your foot." Verita then called Matt Webb, her daughter-in-law's brother and an emergency nurse, who encouraged her to visit RIH's Teck Emergency Department, explaining that it was "better to be safe than sorry."

Emergency physician, Dr. Tomas Rapaport, listened carefully as Verita described her symptoms. When he asked whether she had fallen recently, she answered, "No." In that moment, she was not thinking about the fall she had experienced two months earlier. Perhaps if he had

asked whether she had fallen within the last three months, she would have answered differently. *Clinically, significant falls can require monitoring for up to three months.* Dr. Rapaport believed Verita and ordered a CT scan. The scan revealed bilateral subdural hematomas, slow bleeds on the right and left frontal lobes of her brain. The diagnosis required immediate surgical intervention.

"Dr. Rapaport saw the magnitude of my concerns and believed me when I said I knew something was wrong. He took the time to investigate and take action. I felt heard and validated. It brought tears to my eyes," Verita explains.

Neurosurgeon Dr. Hubert Lee performed the operation that saved her life. Verita spent the following three days recovering in the Afternoon Auxiliary Post Anesthetic Recovery (PAR) Unit, surrounded by hospital staff and loved ones who had travelled from near and far to be at her side. After returning home, her family and friends, including her dear friend Cindy, helped care for her as she slowly regained her strength.

"You could not get to the next link without the one before it," Verita says. "Everyone came together like links in a beautiful gold chain, and that gold chain saved my life."



Dr. Hubert Lee with Verita van Diemen

When she was well enough, Verita began planning a special thank-you for the team who had cared for her. She returned to RIH with a catered picnic featuring appetizers, fresh fruit and homemade baking for staff to enjoy throughout their shifts. She also wrote a heart-



felt letter and stayed as team members came and went, personally thanking them for the care, compassion, and professionalism they had shown her.

While recovering, Verita reflected on her experience and began to think of each person who had helped lead her to that lifesaving surgery as a link in a gold chain: the friends who noticed something was wrong; her sister Lynnette, who encouraged her to visit the emergency department; Matt Webb, who said it was better to be safe than sorry; Dr. Rapaport, who genuinely listened to her concerns; Dr. Lee, whose expertise was critical in the operating room and beyond; the hospital staff who cared for her; her loved ones and friend Cindy who never left her side.

The next link in care begins with you.

Building the Next Link in Lifesaving Care

Hybrid Operating Room (OR)

\$3 Million Commitment

A hybrid OR would combine advanced imaging and surgical technology in one specialized space, allowing physicians to perform complex vascular and neurological procedures with greater precision. These less invasive approaches can reduce risk, support faster recovery and bring new treatment options to Kamloops.

"A hybrid OR would transform our ability to perform less invasive endovascular procedures for blood vessel diseases affecting the brain and spinal cord. These procedures can reduce the risk of infection and wound complications, shorten hospital stays, and support a stronger recovery. They can be used to treat blocked blood vessels, bleeding in and around the brain, and



abnormal connections between arteries and veins. While open surgery was the best approach for Verita, a hybrid OR would allow us to treat the same condition in patients who are less healthy or taking blood thinners and cannot safely undergo an open procedure. For patients in Kamloops, it would allow for lifesaving treatment options that are not currently available at RIH." – Dr. Hubert Lee, MD, RIH Neurosurgery

Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) Suite | \$6.88 Million Commitment

A dedicated ERCP suite would expand access to specialized care for patients with gallbladder, liver, bile duct, and pancreatic conditions, while also supporting the earlier detection of certain cancers. Purpose-built for these complex procedures, it would improve patient safety and workflow efficiency while helping RIH attract and retain invaluable gastroenterology specialists.



Community Creates *Change*



12th Annual Radiothon

The 12th Annual Radiothon, presented by Sun Country Toyota and broadcast by B-100 (CKBZ 100.1 FM), was a resounding success thanks to our generous supporters and a remarkable \$200,000 matching gift from an anonymous local donor. Together, our community raised \$589,341 in just 12 hours. More than a fundraiser, Radiothon brings our community together, with volunteers, donors, healthcare professionals, patients, and local businesses all showing up to support the future of healthcare in our region.

Royal Affair

When the clock struck seven, the Manor opened its doors and, at last, revealed its secrets.

At this year's Royal Affair, the RIH Foundation together with BCLC and Cascades Casino Kamloops welcomed guests into an evening of intrigue, elegance, and unforgettable experiences. Inside the Manor, every moment unfolded through captivating entertainment, immersive experiences, and extraordinary generosity.

With heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, and a **matching gift of \$100,000 from Kamloops Honda, a CanadaOne Cares Dealership**, we are proud to share that \$247,452 was raised in support of Royal Inland Hospital.



The evening's greatest reveal was its lasting impact. Scan the QR code to relive this spectacular evening.



29th Annual South Central Trucking & Industry Charity Golf Tournament

The 29th Annual South Central Trucking & Industry Charity Golf Tournament on May 22, 2026, was a tremendous success, raising more than \$152,000 in support of recruitment and retention at Royal Inland Hospital.

This year's tournament carried special meaning as participants gathered not only to give back, but also to honour the memory of one of the event's founding members, Bob Selman. For 25 years, Bob dedicated his time to the organizing committee, helping shape the tournament into the beloved community event it is today. He often said, "It's a golf tournament, but not really a golf tournament," reminding us that the day was never about the score. It was about people coming together, creating memories, and making a difference for local healthcare.

In tribute to Bob, this year's format was named the Selman Scramble, and the Most Honest Golfer Award has been permanently renamed the Bob Selman Award.

Scan the QR code to see how Bob's vision, generosity, and leadership shaped this tournament and left a lasting impression on all who knew him.



Community Events

(January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)

- 4th Annual Golf for Cancer Event at Kamloops Golf & Country Club
- Buds Bins Juniper Family Day Skating Event
- Can-Ital Ladies Society Fashion Show
- Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre - Nicole Sanders with twelvefifty Breakfast with Santa
- Colombo Lodge Italian Cultural Centre Spring Fling
- Evening of Giving
- First Dance Kamloops: Dance for a Cause
- For Them, From Us - Jayda Sangha & Emma Wetterstrand
- Guru Nanak Fund
- Hot Nite in the City
- HUB International Barton Insurance / Kamloops Blazers 'Goals For Kids'
- ICCHA/Wish Fund
- JUL Construction: Health for the Holidays 50/50

- K97.5 Classic Rock Toys For Kids Breakfast
- Kamloops Blazers Local Cancer Night
- Kamloops Blazers Teddy Bear Toss
- Kamloops Ford Lincoln Pay It Forward Campaign
- Kamloops Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 913 Calendar Sales
- Kamloops Street Rod Association
- Kamloops Velo Club
- Kamloops Wine Trail Holiday Open House
- KMHA Goal of Giving Toy Drive
- Lloyd George Elementary School Bake Sale
- McDonald's McHappy Day
- Okanagan Lakers Pediatric Toy Collection
- Sa-Hali Spike Pink Tournament
- Summit Electric: Together We Care Raffle
- Tara Bauer's Ultramarathon: Going the Distance for Cancer Care
- Teck Highland Valley Copper Fundraising Events - Mining for Miracles

More Than a Place to Stay: Mercier House



■ For patients travelling to Kamloops for medical care, the journey does not begin and end at the hospital. It can mean long drives, extended time away from home, added expenses, and the emotional weight of facing treatment in an unfamiliar city.

As Kamloops prepares to expand access to specialized care, the RIH Foundation recognized an opportunity to create something that would make the experience easier for patients and families travelling from outside the community.

In March 2026, the Foundation purchased a breath-taking home on Battle Street West, previously known as RareBirds Housing Co-operative, to provide affordable, temporary accommodation for out-of-town patients with their caregivers. While the house will support out of town patients undergoing radiation in the new Kamloops Cancer Centre to come, it will not be limited to cancer patients. It will welcome people travelling to Kamloops for many forms of medical care. When space is available, rooms may also support medical learners and visiting healthcare professionals.

Comfort in Every Detail

Overlooking Guerin Creek and the Thompson River, the 6,300-square-foot home offers nine bedrooms, shared gathering spaces, and beautiful views of Kamloops. Six bedrooms are located across the main and upper floors, each with a private ensuite. Three additional bedrooms are found in a lower-level suite with its own kitchenette and access to a spacious backyard.

Large windows fill the home with natural light, while a calming, nature-inspired palette creates a peaceful environment. Guests will have access to a shared kitchen, living areas, an upstairs library lounge, laundry facilities, and several outdoor spaces, including a rooftop patio, front garden seating, and a private backyard. The property also includes nine parking spaces and sustainable features such as solar energy and rainwater collection. A very low nightly rate will keep extended stays affordable for patients and caregivers travelling for care and help support the home's ongoing operating costs.

A Community Effort

Since taking possession, a dedicated steering committee has been preparing the property for its new purpose.



Neighbours and city councillors have also been welcomed into the house to learn more about the vision, with the project receiving tremendous encouragement and cooperation.

Volunteer Steering Committee

- Nick Hawkins, Chair
- Kelly Fawcett
- Charla Johnstone
- Kent Taylor

The Gift That Made It Possible

The home is formally named **Mercier House** in recognition of Guy Mercier, who has generously pledged approximately \$1 million towards the project.

When Guy first toured the property and learned how it would be used, its purpose resonated deeply. He immediately thought of his sister and the difficult three-hour journeys she regularly endured while travelling for cancer treatment in Quebec. He saw how the home's location, privacy and thoughtful design could ease that burden for other patients facing similar challenges.



"Guy, I am so grateful that you believed in this project and fell in love with the house like we did. When a project connects so deeply with someone's personal experiences and values, it becomes even more meaningful. Thank you for sharing our vision and helping bring it to life."

– HEIDI COLEMAN, RIH FOUNDATION CEO

Guy and his family have long supported initiatives throughout Kamloops. In 2020, he pledged \$1 million to RIH's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in memory of his mother, Rita C. Mercier. His generosity has also supported Thompson Rivers University, the BC Wildlife Park, and many other community organizations.

Start Where You Are and Let Your *Impact Grow*

■ When Kerri Priddle moved to Kamloops in 2010, she arrived as a young lawyer eager to build her practice and establish her life in a new community. Like many professionals putting down roots, her focus was on growing her business, expanding her network, and creating a stable future for her family. It did not take long before Kamloops truly felt like home.

As her connection to the community strengthened, so did her desire to give back. That journey led her to the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation, where an initial introduction soon evolved into an ongoing relationship. By attending Foundation events and connecting with others who shared a strong belief in local healthcare, Kerri began to understand the vital role community support plays in the well-being of the entire region.

Her involvement continued to grow over time. Kerri joined the RIH Foundation Society, gained insight into the hospital's most urgent needs, and eventually took on a leadership role, serving as Chair of the Board of Directors. Through that experience, she helped guide the Foundation's vision while witnessing firsthand the tangible impact of philanthropy.

In 2019, one of the most defining moments of Kerri's journey came when she and her husband Jason decided to make a significant contribution to the RIH Foundation. Despite being in the early stages of building her own legal practice, balancing the demands of entrepreneurship, a young family, and the financial realities that come with both, she pledged \$25,000 to the RIH Foundation.

Rather than viewing the amount as an obstacle, she approached it with intention and creativity. By structuring the gift over five years with manageable monthly contributions, Kerri transformed what once felt out of reach into something achievable and sustainable. It became a deliberate part of her financial planning. For her, giving wasn't about having excess. It was about making a decision.

Today, she speaks with pride about the role she has played in shaping healthcare in her community. Whether it is seeing new equipment in use or knowing that local families have better access to specialized care, her contribution is a direct reflection of the values she lives by.

Kerri's story carries an important message, especially for young professionals and business owners who may feel they need to wait for the "right time" to give. Kerri explains,



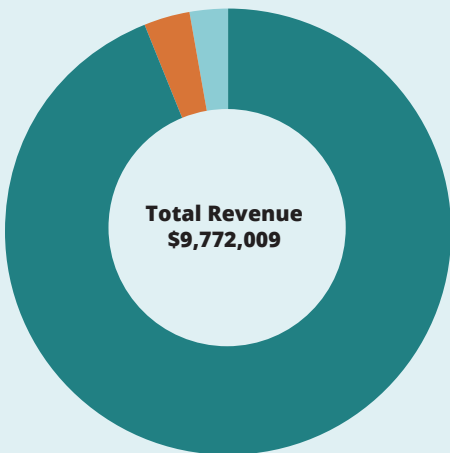
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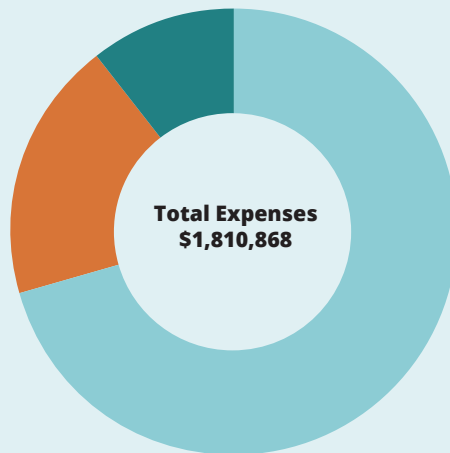
From structured pledges to monthly contributions, Kerri emphasizes that philanthropy can be flexible, intentional, and accessible to align with your individual circumstances.

In many ways, her story is a reminder that generosity can grow alongside you through any stage in life and when it does, anything is possible.

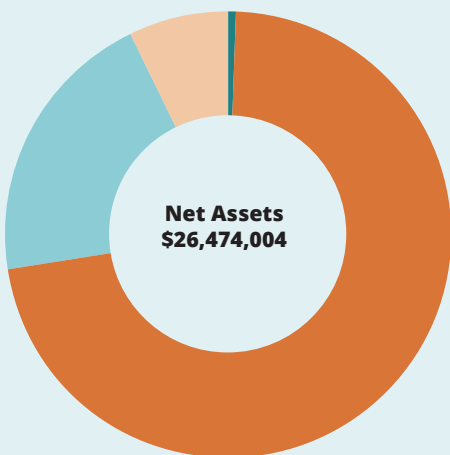
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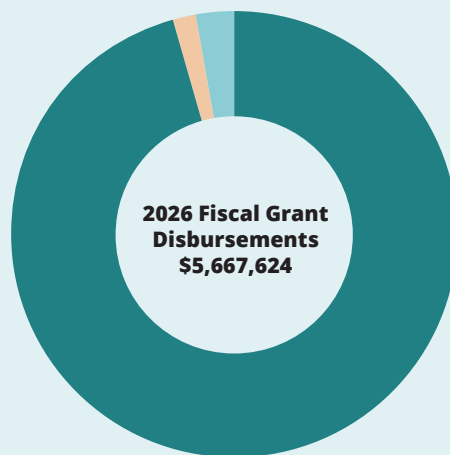
- Donations \$9,189,039
- Investment Income \$337,432
- Rental & Other \$245,538



- Amortization, Operations, Salary & Benefits \$1,279,390
- Costs directly associated with fundraising (event supplies, campaign materials, advertising, etc.) \$342,552
- Rental & Other \$188,926



- Restricted for Specific Purposes \$19,077,851
- Unrestricted \$5,314,354
- Invested in Capital Assets \$1,894,452
- Restricted for Endowment Purposes \$187,347



- Royal Inland Hospital \$5,425,709*
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*Including \$735,000 disbursed to InspireHealth Supportive Cancer Care



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Metrics



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Living with *Purpose*, Giving with *Heart*

■ Karen Willies was born in Vernon in 1944, the only child of Queenie and Alex Cragg. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Kamloops, where Karen attended school and graduated in 1962. Soon after, she set out to see more of the world, leaving her small-town life behind for Montreal. It was there, in Quebec, that she found independence and met Gordon Willies, the man who would become her loving partner for life.

In 1973, they returned to British Columbia and settled in Williams Lake. Gordon worked for BC Telephone, while Karen worked as a secretary and bookkeeper at Delaney's Hardware Store. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Cariboo, Karen discovered passions that would shape her life, including hiking, cross-country skiing, birdwatching, and a deep appreciation for the natural world. Gordon joined Karen in those activities but also pursued his love for athletic activity by taking up long-distance running.

In 1982, the couple moved to Kamloops to care for Karen's mother. Once in Kamloops, their world expanded through friendships and community involvement. Karen became deeply engaged with the Kamloops Naturalist Club, the Ridge Runners, and the Outdoors Club. She embraced every season, skiing and snowshoeing in winter, running and hiking in summer, often alongside her cherished group of friends, among them the Wonderful Wednesday Women.

An avid traveller, Karen explored destinations around the world. She returned home with photographs, stories, and treasured mementos of the people and places she encountered. Though she had no children of her own, she cherished her family. Her extended family remembers her as a gentle soul with a generous heart, forever opening her home to those she loved and even going out of her way to sew tiny outfits for Barbie dolls belonging to the children of cousins and friends. Karen believed deeply in giving back and volunteered her time on city committees, club executives, and even her strata council.

Gordon shared that same commitment to service. After retirement, Gordon devoted much of his time to volunteering, officiating swim meets and earning Swim BC's Volunteer of the Year award. One of his most meaningful roles was driving cancer patients from Kamloops to Kelowna for radiation treatments, a quiet act of compassion that reflected his deep sense of responsibility to care for others. In 2014, this role took on special significance when Karen was diagnosed with breast cancer.



Over the years, both Karen and Gordon received care at Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) and understood the vital importance of a strong healthcare system. Upon their passing, Gordon in July 2024, and Karen one year later, chose to leave much of their estate to the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation.

Their extraordinary legacy gift will strengthen healthcare at RIH for generations to come. Legacy giving is a wonderful way to support what matters to you for years to come.

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The Difference is *You*: Recognizing Our Donors



"This annual report tells the story of a remarkable year, but more importantly, it shows the people behind that progress. I am deeply grateful for your trust in our mission, and I know the RIH Foundation will continue to honour that trust by listening to the needs of our region and working hard to move local healthcare forward."

— ANDREW KARPIAK, RIH FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR, SEPTEMBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026

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