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You cannot buy good health – but you can invest in it.

Chilliwack, BC: The Chilliwack Hospital Foundation (CHF) is your partner in community healthcare. As an organization we collaborate closely with the staff of the Chilliwack General Hospital to assist the needs of the hospital that directly impact patient care and to assist our local doctors and nurses by ensuring we have new, updated equipment that is easy to use and provides the efficiency needed, especially in today's staffing shortages.

The Chilliwack Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of our community, we have been able to provide three new pieces of equipment to the Chilliwack Hospital in 2022.

- Belmont Rapid Infuser
 - The Belmont Rapid Infuser RI-2 is a leading medical device that aids in combatting rapid blood loss emergencies. As a community hospital, CGH's ICU and ER are tasked with the job of stabilizing patients with rapid blood loss to prepare them for transport to a higher level of care centre; this must be done quickly and safely.
- Hamilton Ventilator
 - The Hamilton-T1 Transport Ventilator is a lightweight, state-of-the-art portable ventilator that is currently being used in hospital transfers throughout the Lower Mainland. The ventilators that are currently available at CHG's ER room are nearing 20 years of use; these machines have compromised battery life and require staff members to carry bulky charging ports alongside the portable machines.
- Arctic Sun Temperature Management System
 - The Arctic Sun 5000 Temperature Management System monitors and non-invasively controls the temperature for patients of all ages. For CGH, this machine would be utilized by "Code Blue" teams in the ER and critical care to support a patient recovering from a heart attack who did not regain consciousness immediately following life-saving efforts. To protect the brain from permanent damage, the patient's body temperature needs to be lowered and maintained for 24 hours, before slowly warming the patient back to normal levels.

The Chilliwack Hospital Foundation wants to thank each and every one of our generous donors for assisting us in funding these updated machines. Every dollar donated makes a world of difference to the many patients our hospital services.

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There are a number of ways to continue to support our hospital:

- **Be one of the first to join our NEW 500 Club!**
The five hundred club is a commitment to donate \$1000 a year for 5 years. All funds will be used to purchase new and updated equipment for Chilliwack General Hospital.
- **Give in Honour or Memory**
Dedicate a gift in honour of a special person or family member. Create a legacy while supporting critical healthcare needs in our community.
- **Legacy & Estate Giving**
Making a planned gift will ensure a lasting impact and will positively support healthcare needs for generations to come.

Doctor Robert Fox, CHF Director and Chilliwack doctor says, “No one cares for the people of Chilliwack more than the people of Chilliwack” and he is right!

Thank you for your generosity and continuing to make Chilliwack a wonderful place to work, live and play.

For more information about the Chilliwack Hospital Foundation, visit chilliwackhospitalfoundation.com.

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