



Impact Report

2022-2023



Over \$2 million raised to improve health care across the East Kootenay from April 2022 to March 2023!

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Photos: East Kootenay Foundation for Health celebrates donations from the Elk Valley Thrift Shop Society, Skookumchuk Pulp Inc., Teck, Creston Valley Gleaners, Ladies Auxiliary to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Mike and Shelley Kozinuk .

together, with your support

Brenna Baker, *Executive Director*

On behalf of the staff and board of East Kootenay Foundation for Health, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your generosity and support for health care across the region.

Your commitment to Foundry East Kootenay over these past two years has been incredible. Thanks to you, we were able to raise over \$2 million dollars for the construction of the new centre in Cranbrook. This will bring hope and health to our youth.

Your donations have also made a meaningful impact difference to hospitals and health care facilities across the region. Your generosity has provided critical resources, equipment, and programs that enhance patient care and improve health outcomes across the region.

You've touched the lives of countless individuals and families. We are honored to have you as partners in our mission to improve healthcare and promote wellness in our community. Thank you for your commitment to our work, as we continue to try to bring truly regional health care to the East Kootenay.

Mike Calder, *Board Chair*

For the past 10 years, I have been proud to witness the support for health care improvements across the East Kootenay. Your efforts have made a difference in improving access to care and patient comforts for families and residents throughout the region. I am in awe of how businesses, groups, families, and individuals come together in support of improved surgical equipment and imaging at each of the hospitals in Golden, Invermere, Creston, the Elk Valley, and Cranbrook. Elsewhere, your generous donations have supported new, safer, furniture for our seniors residing in long-term care, and in the past year, launched the construction of Foundry East Kootenay for our youth.

Since I have been involved with the Foundation, I have heard stories and seen the impact of the equipment purchased. One story I will never forget is during a donor appreciation event, a member of an organization that has supported the Foundation for many years stood up to let everyone know how the equipment that we just purchased saved his life. It really hit home, the impact that the East Kootenay Foundation for Health has.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who has played a part in improving health care across the East Kootenay. Every single donation, word of encouragement, and hour of your support helps us keep high quality health care close to home. Your impact touches all corners of our community. As we look towards continuing to make significant improvements to regional health care, I'm excited to know that we will be successful due to the generosity of the East Kootenay region. Thank you for all your support!



we are saving lives



Over **\$2 Million** raised through



1058 Donations

in support of health care at:



5 Hospitals

- Creston Valley Hospital
- East Kootenay Regional Hospital
- Elk Valley Hospital
- Golden & District Hospital
- Invermere & District Hospital



5 Long Term Care Homes

- Columbia House
- Dr FW Green Home
- Durand Manor
- Swan Valley Lodge
- Kimberley Special Care Home



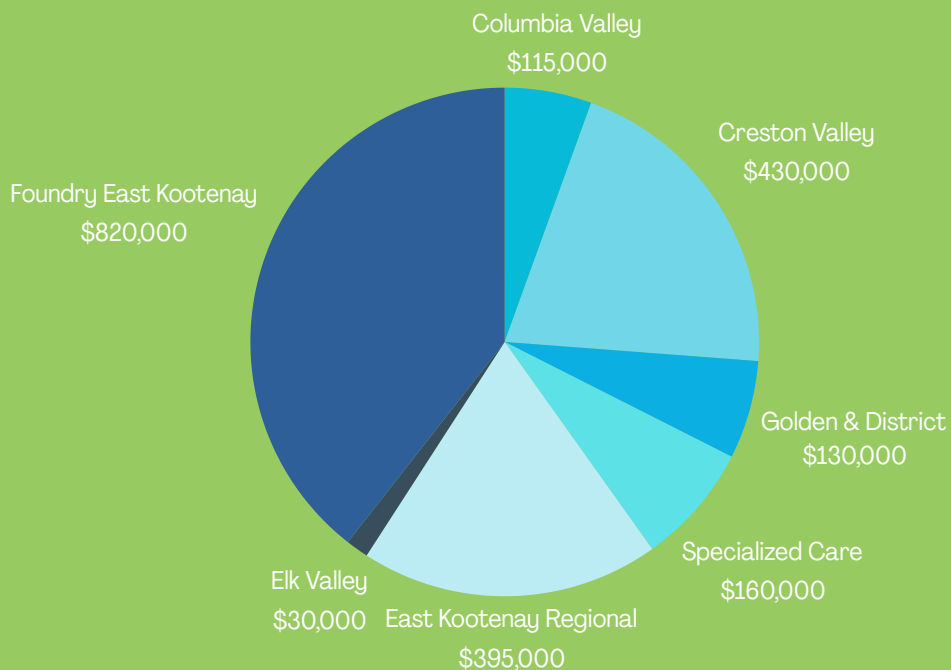
3 Health Care Centres

- Elkford Health Centre
- Kimberley Health Centre
- Sparwood Primary Health Care

and towards the construction of



Funds raised to communities across the East Kootenay in 2022-2023.



across the East Kootenays

Across the East Kootenay, your donations have supported new spaces, new equipment, and new furnishings to improve patient comfort and keep health care close to home.

Foundry East Kootenay

After two years and the support of **\$2.3 million** raised from community, local businesses, grants, and foundations, construction is underway for the long anticipated **Foundry East Kootenay**.

Centered in **Cranbrook** and led by **Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services**, Foundry will support youth aged 12 to 24 across the East Kootenay. When completed in 2024 the centre will bring multiple partner organizations serving health and wellness needs of youth together under one roof. Foundry was designed by local youth and families on the advisory councils to be a safe, welcoming, culturally respectful space. Having construction underway for the project is a massive step forward in bringing hope to youth across the region.



Youth inspect the construction of Foundry East Kootenay at 100 12th Ave S, Cranbrook. Photos: KKCFSS

Long Term Care Homes

In **Creston, Swan Valley Lodge** received much needed furniture upgrades as a result of the 2022 **"Furnish a Life Well Lived"** campaign. The campaign raised over **\$200,000** towards hospital grade, senior friendly, safe furniture. The upgrades will improve the lives of ninety East Kootenay residents who can no longer be cared for in their own homes and through assisted living.

A new digital piano at **Durand Manor** in **Golden** replaced a worn out keyboard to provide much enjoyed music therapy to residents. The home also received a new Sara Stedy Lift with support from the **Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society**. This lift will help residents raise and lower themselves between standing and seated positions. It allows residents to use their own strength to change positions, helping them maintain a sense of independence, while simultaneously reducing staff risk of injury during movements.

The **Dr. F.W. Green Memorial Home** in **Cranbrook**, received new dining tables and chairs. This upgrade replaced worn out inventory, improving comfort, safety, and accessibility, for residents in the sixty bed care home.



Durand Manor Staff Janice LaRoy, Colleen Feuz, Kyle Coulter, Karmela Feuz stand with the new Sara Stedy Lift.

Hospitals across the region benefited from improved imaging, equipment, and patient comforts.

East Kootenay Regional Hospital welcomed the vital addition of a SPECT-CT scanner in 2022 after fundraising for the project raised **\$1.2 million** within a year. The new scanner replaces an aging piece of equipment and has the ability to take nuclear medicine images that show the physiological processes within the body, allowing for more and better diagnostic results in the East Kootenay.

The hospital also received improved oncology equipment for the relocated oncology space to serve the growing need for chemotherapy, a new Ears, Nose, and Throat Navigation System that improves image guided surgery options, and a NIM™ neuromonitoring system will help reduce the risk of nerve damage during surgeries.

Creston Valley Hospital received new laparoscopic equipment. This allows surgeons to perform surgeries in a much less invasive way, with quicker patient recovery. The equipment will also allow a new surgeon to work in the region. The hospital also saw upgrades to curtains for patient privacy and replacement of the Yaqan Nukiy canoe display materials.

The **Elk Valley Hospital** received a new bedside ultrasound machine that will allow quick access to diagnoses and treatment. It reduces the movement of patients and need to travel out of town for imaging, and allows for after hours and weekend work. Zoom connectivity for the machine also opens new teaching opportunities.

Golden & District Hospital has a new Mini C-Arm that enhances surgical efficiency while delivering the renowned image quality C-arms are known for. This system is ideally suited for a range of surgical needs including orthopedics, gastrointestinal, endoscopic, urologic, neurologic, critical care, emergency and vascular procedures. It will extend the scope of practice and volume of surgery done in the valley.

Invermere & District Hospital welcomed a second cardiograph for ECG monitoring to provide much needed backup and relief for their first. Neonatal ventilator pads will help treat the tiniest patients in the Columbia Valley and new equipment in Canal Flats will allow residents to receive adult day services and home support closer to home.



Evan Revie, Nuclear Medicine Professional Practice Leader at EKRH stands with the new SPECT-CT scanner.



The new bedside ultrasound at Elk Valley Hospital.



The Golden Hospital Operating Room team poses with the newly acquired Insight Flex Mini C-Arm .

thank you!



A participant in the 2022 BluMoose Gravel Golden fundraiser for the Golden & District Hospital. Photo: Chris Monette



Kimberley Health Care Auxiliary Society presents EKFH with \$100,000 towards surgical equipment for EKRH.



Attendees at the 2022 Starlite Gala presented by Denham Ford raised over \$50,000 in support of Foundry East Kootenay. Photo: Jordan Nerring

Across the East Kootenay, we saw many individuals, organizations, and communities come together in support of health care this year.

In Golden, the **Blu Moose 2022 Bike Race** raised over **\$21,000** in support of local health care. The "**Giving Thanks to The Golden & District Hospital**" campaign led by Keith Hern and Friends of the Golden & District Hospital raised **\$35,000** towards the purchase of a Mini-C Arm for the hospital.

Health Care Auxiliaries across the region continued to work tirelessly to fundraise for health care throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic. The **Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society** donated over **\$150,000** to health care priorities this year and the **Kimberley Health Care Auxiliary** donated **\$100,000** towards new surgical equipment at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital.

Foundry East Kootenay saw support from many annual events. This included **\$23,000** raised by the **2022 Boston Pizza and Northstar General Motors Golf Tournament**. Our annual **Starlite Gala presented by Denham Ford** returned after a few year hiatus to raise over **\$50,000** for construction of the new centre.

Our ongoing support from **Teck, PA Woodward's Foundation, TB Vets Charitable Foundation, Sunrise Rotary, Rotary Cranbrook, Royal Canadian Legion, the Creston Valley Foundation, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elk Valley Thrift Shop, Mike and Shelley Kozinuk**, and countless others has been so critical in supporting health care across the region.

We continue to appreciate the outpouring of generosity we receive from across the East Kootenay. It's hard to find space to thank you all but we are looking forward to developing new spaces that recognize all the care from the thousands of you who have helped save lives and improve health care in the coming years.

now and into the future

Current Campaign



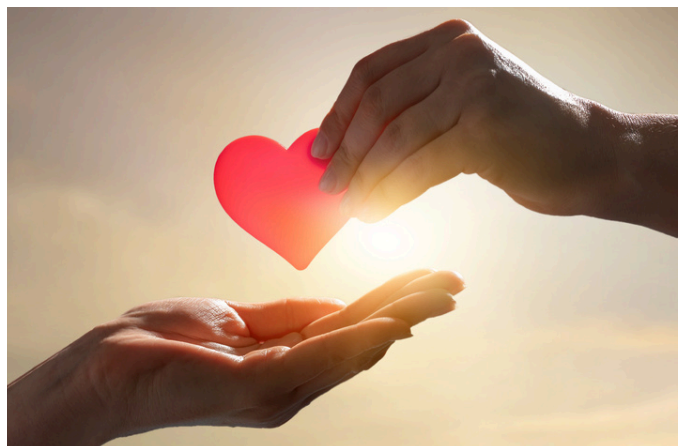
A Big Campaign for our Tiniest Patients

We are now raising **\$1.8 million** for a **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit** at **East Kootenay Regional Hospital**. This will help our newest and youngest lives start off at home in the East Kootenay. The NICU has advanced technology and trained healthcare professionals to give special care for the tiniest patients at the hospital, something currently unavailable in the East Kootenay. The upgrade will keep more premature babies from being airlifted to Kelowna or Vancouver, saving new families from stressful and expensive care.



Monthly Donations

Monthly giving provides a stable, much-needed source of funding to the areas of greatest need in your community or across the East Kootenay. Sign up today for a monthly gift of \$10, \$25, or an amount of your choosing, to show your ongoing support to improving health care and patient comfort. Your donations are safely and securely automatically withdrawn from your bank account or processed on your credit card every month – and you can change the amount or cancel at any time.



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