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# Impact Report

2023-2024



Over \$1.75 million raised to improve health care across the East Kootenay from April 2023 to March 2024.



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Cover Photo: ʔikxawǫ́kikimik ● Foundry East Kootenay opens its doors. Donation photos from: Demetre's Catering & the Creston Valley Lion's Club, Casino of the Rockies, Timber Hitch & Rustic Hutch, Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society, Kimberley Health Care Auxiliary Society, Elk Valley Thrift Store, Kimberley Society for Community Living.

# Donation Summary



Over **\$1.75 Million** raised through



**1211 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**

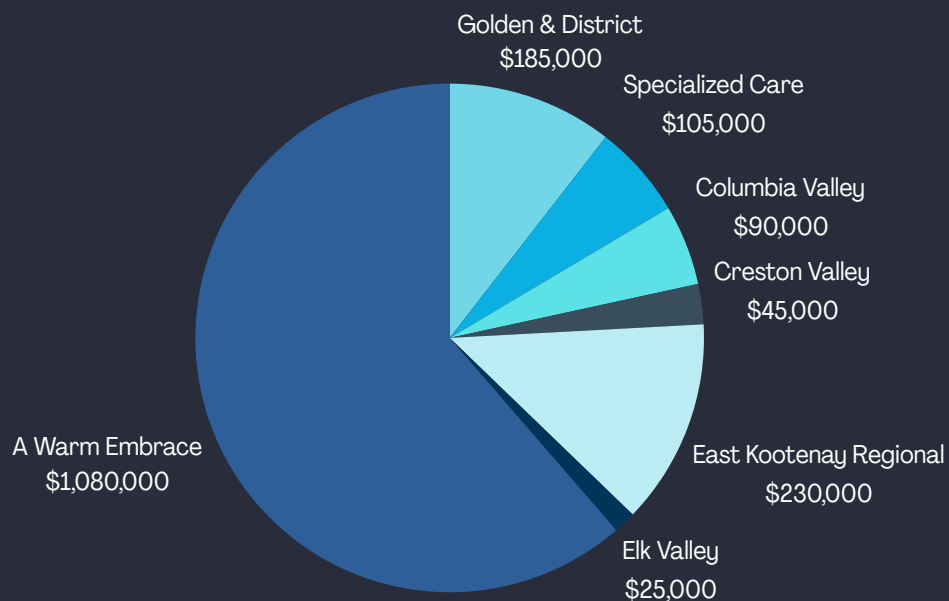
Elkford Health Centre  
Kimberley Health Centre  
Sparwood Primary Health Care

and towards:



**A  
Big Campaign  
for our  
Tiniest Patients**

## Funds raised to communities across the East Kootenay in 2023-2024





## Community Highlights

### Creston Valley Hospital Mural

It's not every day we get to celebrate the unveiling of a project seven years in the making!

This winter, the Creston Valley Hospital revealed a new, beautiful, culturally inclusive mural in their main hallway. This project was spearheaded by Dr. Narine Kleinhans and created in collaboration with local indigenous and non-indigenous artists, EKFH, and Creston's ArtsSpace.

The mural brings life, meaning, and a caring welcome to all patients and visitors to the hospital. It is the combined effort of artists Marnie Temple, Allison Masters, Chelsea Luke, James Wallis, Raine Mynott, Renee Phypers and Wendy Tellier. The piece would also not have been possible without Rook Design Media who spent over 40 hours on the printing and installation of the design.

We are so incredibly inspired by the collaboration and details that have made this beautiful piece possible and also want to recognize BC Arts Council for assisting us with the funding.

### Foundry East Kootenay

Ṭikxawičikimik, "for all things to be connected" is now open and providing services for youth across the East Kootenay.

Led by Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services, Foundry East Kootenay offers young people 12-24 access to mental health and substance use support, primary care, peer support and social services.

The centre's grand opening was celebrated across the community and held on May 23, 2024. Thank you to all our donors and supporters who have made this project possible!

Photos: Creston Mural Artists and Staff celebrate the completion of the long awaited mural. Construction on Ṭikxawičikimik was completed in April.



**"There is a difference between treatment and care. In western medicine, we take care of treatment for sure. But this mural reflects what care for patient is about."**

Walter Felitsyn – Director, Clinical Operations,  
Creston Valley Hospital





# Thank You!

Our community donors and supporters set so many new records with us this year. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the support that has come for A Warm Embrace and health care priorities across the region.

The **Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society** made their largest donation ever to EKFH in December 2023, giving an astounding **\$320,000** to improvements in Invermere, Golden, and A Warm Embrace. makes their largest donation ever to EKFH. The **Kimberley Health Care Auxiliary** also made their largest donation, with **\$150,000** supporting the Kimberley Special Care Home and A Warm Embrace. We are so endlessly grateful for the hard work and support of all of your volunteers!

There were great community events across the region, including the annual **Boston Pizza Charity Golf Tournament**, **The Rockies Car Show** hosted by Bridge Interiors, the **Timber Hitch & Rustic Hutch** Christmas fundraiser raffle, **Blu Moose Gravel Golden Bike Race**, and **Demetre's Catering No One Eats Alone Christmas Dinner**.

We saw major ongoing support from **Teck Coal Ltd**, the **Cranbrook Rotary**, **Friends of the Golden & District Hospital**, **Dunlop Truck Centre**, **Sunrise Rotary**, **Cranbrook Legion**, and **Elk Valley Thrift Shop**,

Our annual **Starlite Campaign** raised over **\$500,000** in the months of November and December. It was highlighted by a record setting **\$100,000 Starlite Gala presented by Denham Ford and Teck**, and concluded with an incredible **\$50,000** donation from **Mike and Shelley Kozinuk** of **Fabrite**.



Donation Photos From: The Rockies Car Show, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 24, Denham Ford, Starlite Gala, Mike and Shelley Kozinuk, and Starlite at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital.



## Current Campaign



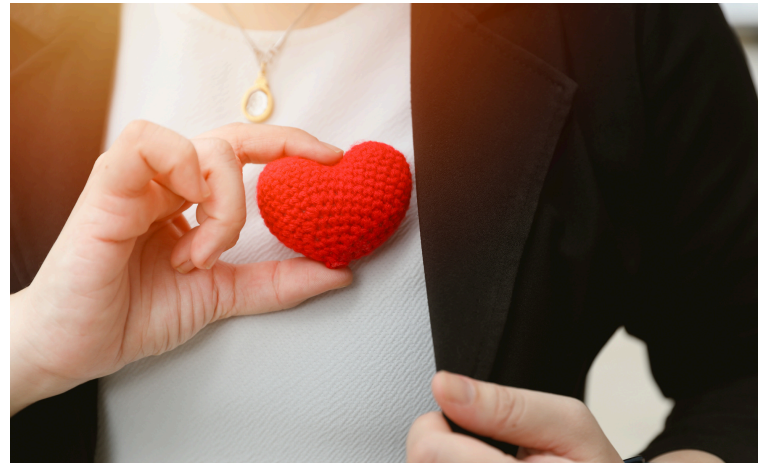
### A Big Campaign for our Tiniest Patients

We are 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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