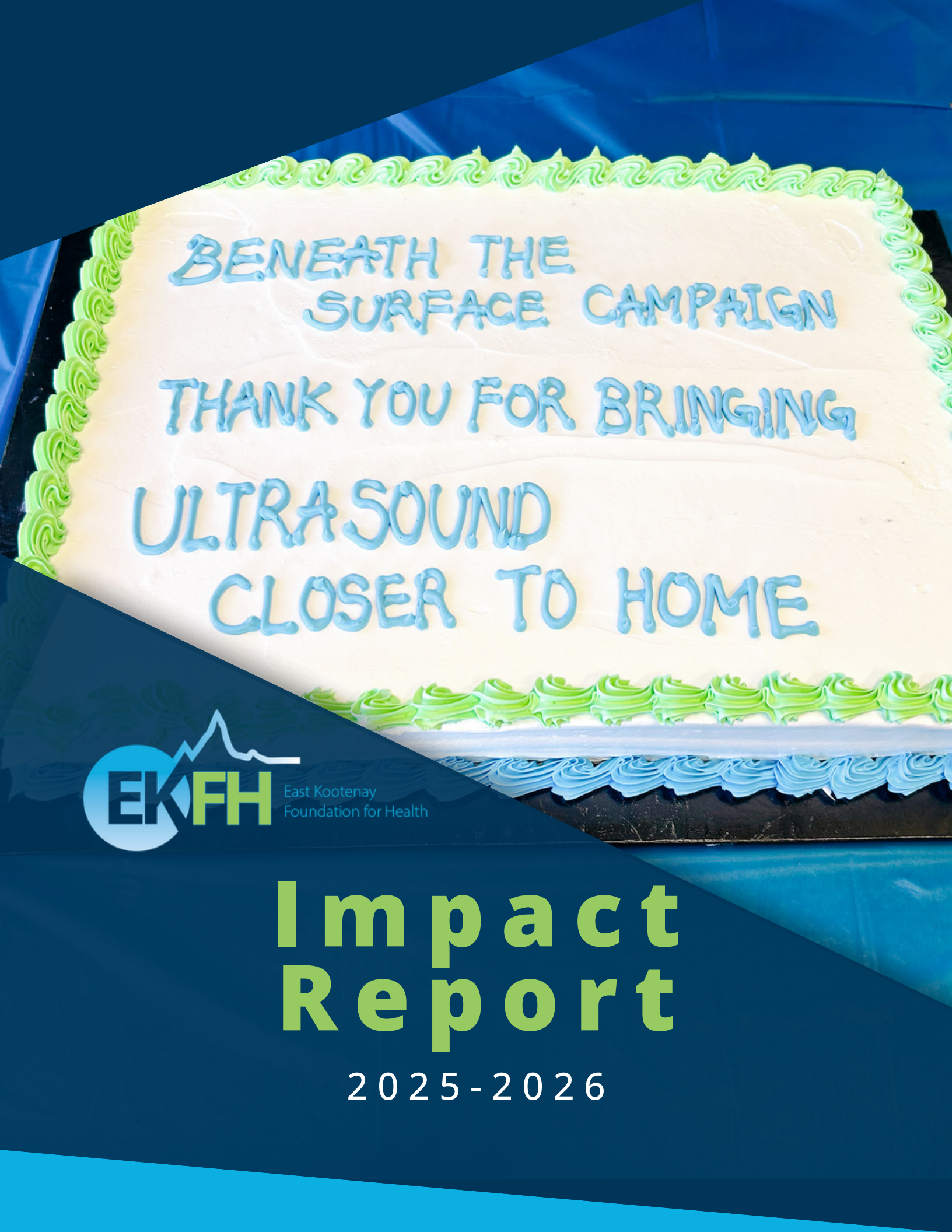




BENEATH THE
SURFACE CAMPAIGN
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
ULTRASOUND
CLOSER TO HOME

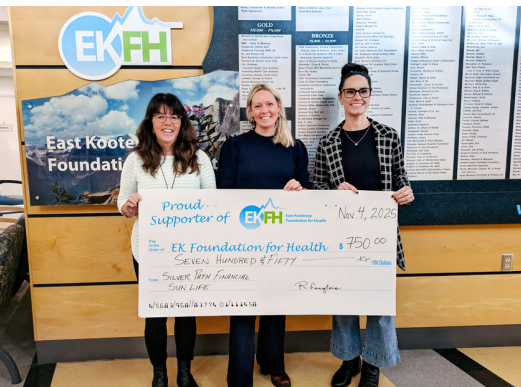


East Kootenay
Foundation for Health

Impact Report

2025-2026

Over \$1.8 million raised to improve health care across the East Kootenay from April 2025 to March 2026.



Contents

<i>executive directors message</i>	3
<i>donation summary</i>	4
<i>2025-2026 was a year for ultrasounds</i>	5
<i>community highlights</i>	6
<i>community events</i>	7
<i>current campaigns</i>	8

Donor Photos: Invermere Health Care Auxiliary, Maya, Kimberley Health Care Auxiliary, Silver Path Financial, Birdie Juice 2.0 Golf Tournament, Branch 24 Cranbrook Legion, U13 Cranbrook Bucks

Executive Director's Message

What an extraordinary year it has been for the East Kootenay Foundation for Health!

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with overwhelming gratitude. None of what we have accomplished would have been possible without the incredible generosity of our donors, sponsors, corporate partners, local businesses, service clubs, community organizations, volunteers, and the countless individuals who believe in strengthening health care throughout the East Kootenay.

Because of you, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit opened its doors in November, giving our region's tiniest and most vulnerable patients access to state-of-the-art care close to home. Since opening, there hasn't been a single day that a newborn hasn't benefited from this remarkable facility and the life-saving equipment it provides.

Because of you, JoeAnna's House in Kelowna will soon welcome even more families by opening an additional 10 rooms, ensuring loved ones can remain close while family members receive care at Kelowna General Hospital.

Because of you, we proudly partnered with the Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society to launch the fundraising campaign to build a dedicated hospice home in the East Kootenay—creating a place where individuals and families will receive compassionate, dignified care during life's most difficult moments.

Because of you, hospitals, long-term care homes, and rural health facilities across our region have received vital new equipment, enhancing patient care and ensuring health care professionals have the tools they need to provide the very best treatment possible.

Year after year, when we ask for your support, our communities answer with extraordinary generosity. Time and again, you remind us that when we come together with a shared purpose, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the East Kootenay Foundation for Health, thank you for believing in our mission and for investing in the health and well-being of our communities. Your compassion, generosity, and unwavering support are transforming health care across the East Kootenay and making a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of patients and families.

**Together, we are building a healthier future.
We couldn't do it without you.**



Brenna Hong
Executive Director,
East Kootenay Foundation for Health



Donation Summary



Over **\$1.8 million** raised through



1162 donations & events

in support of health care for:



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

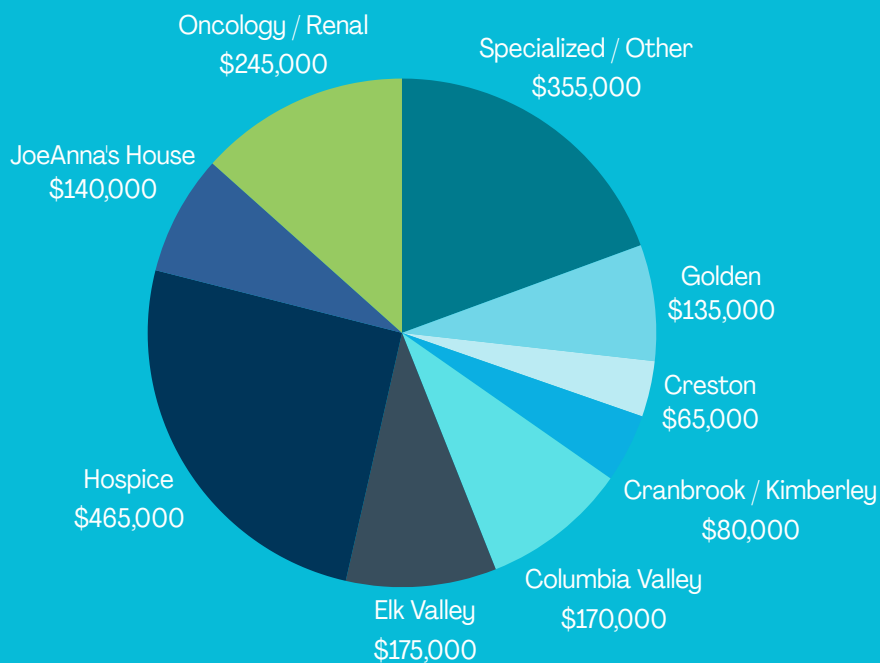


JoeAnna's House
Better together.



Cranbrook ♥ Kimberley
HOSPICE SOCIETY
Hands that Serve Hearts that Care

Funds raised to communities across the East Kootenay in 2025-2026



2025 - 2026 was time for Ultrasounds!

Our **Beneath the Surface Campaign** raised \$340,000 to bring Ultrasound Service to the **Invermere and District Hospital** in Winter 2025.

The newly renovated, staffed, and equipped room opened in the fall, ensuring that Columbia Valley residents don't have to travel across the region for the medical imaging results they need. This service will help repatriate 2,500 – 3,000 general ultrasound exams annually to the Columbia Valley region.

A huge thank you to the **Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society**, the **Panorama Foundation**, and community donors for making this service a reality.

Throughout the spring and summer, we fundraised for two portable ultrasounds to be located at the **Elkford Health Centre** and the **Sparwood Health Centre**. These state-of-the-art units can be easily operated by nurses and physicians instead of requiring specialized techs to provide immediate results to patients receiving care. With the assistance of the **PA Woodward's Foundation**, we were able to purchase portable ultrasounds for both locations this year.

We also kicked off fundraising for a second, much needed portable ultrasound in the **Golden & District Hospital** with the **Golden Hospital Gala** on November 15th. Funds for this ultrasound, which provides staff with a much needed second option at the equipment were raised throughout the Starlite season. We anticipate the new piece of equipment will be in operation at the hospital shortly.

Photos: [1 and 2] Invermere Ultrasound Opening featuring Rick Thompson, Sigrid Black, Corrine Tansowny, Cathy Malchuk, Kerry Jopp, Dr. Chris Sveen, Amelia Birnie, Brenna Hong, Erin Pighin, [3] Golden physicians and staff pose with their original portable ultrasound.



Community Highlights



Photos: The new NICU opens at EKRH, Fernie Rotary Members celebrate the Feast for a Cause donations fundraised to the Elk Valley Hospital, New ultra-low temperature freezer in EKRH.

New Equipment Across the Region

The long awaited NICU at **East Kootenay Regional Hospital** officially opened on November 13, 2025. Featuring modern equipment and a supportive environment, this NICU will ensure that more premature babies and those with health complications can receive care locally. It reduces the need for families to travel and ensures that maternity staff have a better environment to give East Kootenay babies the best possible start to life. Thank you to everyone who supported the **Warm Embrace Campaign!**

Kimberley Special Care Home and the **Kimberley Health Centre** saw new furniture to improve dining room accessibility and equipment grades with support from the **Kimberley Health Care Auxiliary**.

The Rotary Club of Fernie's sold out **Feast for a Cause** raised over \$35,000 in support of new medical equipment for the **Elk Valley Hospital**. This new equipment was also supported by \$10,000 from the **Fernie Legion Branch 36 Poppy Fund**.

Elkford saw new furniture upgrades for the waiting and consulting rooms at the **Elkford Health Centre**.

Sparwood Health Centre gained a new cardio machine that can be used by the majority of patients receiving outpatient physiotherapy and chronic disease management programs at the centre.

In **Invermere**, one of the highlights of new equipment additions supported by the **Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society** is a Lucas 3 Device. This device provides mechanical chest compressions to patients in need during transport to advanced life saving care and is a great improvement for rural health!

Swan Valley Lodge in Creston gained new wheelchairs for residents to replace ones that were old, out of date, and impossible to get new parts for. The **Creston Valley Hospital** got a new slide stainer critical for diagnosing hemtological disorders in patients.

Clinical Research in the region also got a boost with the purchase of a new ultra low temp freezer and a microscope. Thank you **Cranbrook Legion Branch 24** for supporting the microscope purchase through the **Poppy Fund**.

Community Events



The 7th annual **Blu Moose Bike** race in Golden raised over \$17,000 to improve local health care at the Golden & District Hospital.

In July, we joined **Split the Pot BC**, a province wide lottery in support of charities across British Columbia.

This year's **Opa Jack Carter Northstar GM Charity Golf Tournament** on July 18th raised \$20,110 in support of building a hospice home for the East Kootenay! Thank you to Trevor Gordon & Brandon Laurie for organizing the event and thank you to all the sponsors and supporters for the fabulous day.

Our annual **Starlite Ball** proudly presented by Denham Ford and Kootenay Columbia Home Medical Equipment in partnership with EVR raised over \$150,000 for a hospice home in the East Kootenay, making it our most successful night yet!

The **Golden & District Hospital Gala** raised over \$25,000 for a second portable ultrasound for the Golden Hospital! Thank you to the Golden community, organizers Lindsay Sutton, Zoe Evans, Christy Trafanako, Ashley Gales, auction donors, and our sponsors for the incredible Moulin Rouge themed night.



We started working with longtime Cranbrook community volunteer **Linda Holt** to raise \$20,000 to bring a Tovertafel Projector to the FW Green Home. The Tovertafel, Dutch for "Magic Table", is a projector that transforms any surface into an immersive, interactive game. The system is easy to use and features over 40 different games, at different difficulty levels, that can be played all day long. It will brighten the lives of staff, residents, and visitors at the FW Green Home.

Through Linda's dedicated team of donors and a generous donation from **StellerVista Credit Union**, there has been over \$5000 already donated to the projector.



In March, **Cranbrook Burger Month** brought together 18 restaurants from across Cranbrook and Kimberley to raise over \$66,000 towards a Hospice Home for the East Kootenay.

Photos: Linda Holt & Steller Vista Donation towards the Tovertafel Projector, Moulin Rouge at the Golden & District Hospital Gala, Cranbrook Burger Month partners celebrate a record breaking year for the annual campaign.

Current Campaigns

JoeAnna's House Expansion

As we work to improve health care in the East Kootenay, there will always be those of us who need to travel to Kelowna for more advanced health care.

JoeAnna's House is there for you when you do, a home-away-from-home that keeps families together when you need it most. We are working with KGH Foundation and partners across the Interior to finish adding 10 new family rooms to this home this summer.

A Hospice Home for the East Kootenay

In partnership with **Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society** we are raising funds to build a standalone Hospice Home for our region. Currently, too many are spending their final days in overcrowded hospital wards that simply don't reflect the comfort and compassion they deserve. Together, we can, and must do better.

With your support, we can build a true home for end-of-life care, a peaceful, comforting space where individuals and families can find dignity, compassion, and the care they deserve.

Planned Giving

A gift to health care is a gift to the future of our community. Your gift will help change lives across the region for years to come.

Connect with our team, speak with your advisors, and explore your giving options, including:

- Annual giving plans
- Gifting shares & securities
- Donor advised funds
- Including a gift in your will
- Gift of life insurance



13 24th Ave N • Cranbrook BC • V1C 3H9
www.ekfh.ca • ekfoundation@interiorhealth.ca
250-489-6481 • 1-877-489-6481

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 118878677RR0001

