Shining a Light on Cancer

Changes in cancer treatments, and investments in cancer research, have increased the survival rates by almost 30 percent in adults with cancer in Canada over the last 40 years. Though many lives have been saved because of these advances, cancer has recently surpassed cardiovascular disease as the most common cause of death today.

We all know that early detection is the key to survival in all types of cancer and this fact drives home most when it comes to renal cancer, more commonly known as kidney cancer. Kidney cancer is the 6th most prevalent cancer in Canada. This year 5100 Canadians will be diagnosed with this disease and it’s on the rise. That means that it is likely that 11 people will be diagnosed with this disease in Delta this year. Of those 11, 4 people will succumb to kidney cancer. This terrible survival rate is in part a result of the fact that there is no screening program for kidney cancers, so early detection is your best chance of survival.

Your generosity is increasing survival rates in Delta by helping us to purchase the most up-to-date and state-of-the-art equipment for our medical staff – equipment that will help diagnose and treat cancer patients here in our community. This fall, through our donor’s support of the Cancer Care Fund, we purchased a specialized-scope used to “shine a light” on kidney cancer – an Uretero-Reno (URF) videoscope, and the community answered. This September, the hospital received the scope as well as colonoscopes and resectoscopes – all used to detect various types of cancer. The flexible URF videoscope is used to detect cancer by producing an image quality far superior to the more common fiber-optic scopes. The pictures are larger, brighter, and more precise giving the doctors the necessary information to make the best possible diagnosis.

Ten years ago, people who had symptoms of kidney cancer and required surgery were kept overnight, sometimes up to ten days. Recovery from the surgery was long and the incision scar could be large. Today, with the URF videoscope, the minimally invasive procedure (called an Uretero Reno Scope) is a day surgery with hospital time only a few hours and very little scarring. The procedure can be performed right here in Delta – saving patients and their families the added stress of travel for treatment and recovery.

When cancer is detected and diagnosed early, and with the appropriate treatment, the rate of survival is drastically increased. By supporting the Foundation, you have given the gift of life to this community. The URF videoscope allows our medical staff the opportunity to catch cancer before it is too late; helping our patients, living with cancer, have a longer and more vibrant life.

Because of you, Dr. Poon and our medical staff can detect and diagnose diseases, like kidney cancer, right here in Delta Hospital.
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Moonlight Gala a Roarin’ Success!

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The 1920s-inspired evening flew back in time as ‘swinging’ volunteers welcomed everyone to the incredibly transformed gymnasium at Sacred Heart. The 5,400 square foot facility was a spectacular backdrop as our guests walked about the ‘Galeries Lafayette’ with over 100 silent auction items as well as an exciting live auction by auctioneer Ian Paton. We truly ‘Put on the Ritz’ as the theme encouraged each person to taste flavours from the decade in an elegant champagne reception and dinner.

Envision Financial presented the event for the second year. President Bev Brown spoke of their commitment and support for community organizations like the Delta Hospital Foundation. Master of Ceremonies, Paula Hill, entertained everyone with her unique brand of humour. She brought to mind, as a resident, that Delta is an extremely caring community that recognizes the importance of such causes as the hospital.

The excitement of the evening hit its highest point with the presentation of the cheque to our Foundation chair, Lois Wilkinson, by the Gala co-chair, Sarah Toigo. “I am very pleased with the outcome of the evening,” said Sarah. “We surpassed our goal. Delta is a very lucky community to have such dedicated volunteers and residents who make these events so successful”.

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2. It’s Easy To Do - It’s easy to make a gift of securities. All you need to do is contact the Delta Hospital Foundation and ask for a transfer form. Once you have completed the transfer form, give it to your broker to initiate the transfer of shares to the Delta Hospital Foundation. It’s always a good idea to start the process early if you are planning a gift before the end of the year. Some transfers can take a few weeks to complete, and if you’d like a tax receipt for this calendar year, the Foundation needs to receive the transferred shares by December 31st.

3. The Possibilities - When you consider making a gift of securities instead of cash, you may be able to make a larger gift than you thought possible. Your support through a gift of shares would have a wonderful impact to the many services we provide at Delta Hospital.

It is a good idea to discuss your personal circumstances with your financial advisor when considering a gift of securities. If you would like more information on how you can help Delta Hospital through a gift of stock, please contact Stacey Boyda at 604-940-9695.