BC Association of
Healthcare Auxiliaries

September Newsletter 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that most of our members haven't faced the threat of forest fires and or evacuation orders this summer. For those of us who have not, the summer has been mostly clear and sunny. Keeping my garden well watered was my largest task! That, and keeping my fridge well stocked to host numerous friends and family wanting to visit and experience life on my beautiful Sunshine Coast!!

I was able to fit in a few auxiliary visits in June. Your Executive hosted Vernon Jubilee Hospital Auxiliary right in their own back yard. They were full of enthusiasm for their upcoming OMA AGM in October. I will look forward to attending.





As you may recall, Past President. Diane Thornton and I began our 'Outreach' programme way back in June 2022. I have not quite completed all 63 of our wonderful member groups, however, I am close. Following our meetings in Vernon, OMA Area Director, Amanda Laranjo and I headed towards Revelstoke. After a good visit there, we doubled back for a visit to Salmon Arm.

I have nothing but praise for the fine efforts that we were shown. Some may have more resources at hand than others, but everyone is equally enthusiastic about their successes!



Carole and Amanda see what Revelstoke Auxiliary can turn from lemons (graffiti) into lemonade (gorgeous mural)!



Salmon Arm's mighty Gift Shop. Best seller? The chocolate bars!



Coffee time with Salmon Arm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...

After saying good-bye to Amanda, I headed back west towards Kamloops, then a sharp right turn north up to Clearwater. Beautiful country and great auxiliary members. Hospitality in spades!

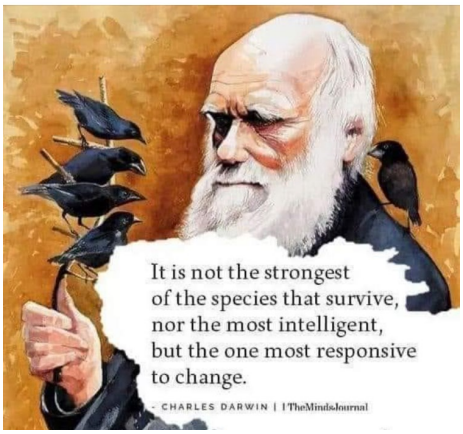




I'm not quite ready to stay home while there is a succession of upcoming AGMs to attend and more members to connect with in September & October. The message remains the same, either we keep moving ahead, or we fall behind! It was meant very seriously at the April Conference (Kamloops) when we all pledged to "Never, ever say, we always do it this way!"

In closing, I'd like to add my further congratulations to the many amazing Bursary winners who have graced our recent BCAHA Facebook pages. We also love hearing back from those who have already benefitted, as to how they are continuing to move forward. Providing financial support to those in your community who are following their dreams to pursue careers in healthcare related fields is immensely rewarding!

Volunteers are remarkable people!
Carole J. Murray
BCAHA President



"Volunteers are remarkable people who light up the world with their selfless acts and unwavering dedication."



Canada Student Hiring Program



What this program offers:

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) provides wage subsidies to employers to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years.

Who can Apply

Employers from not-for-profit organizations and the public sector, as well as private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees.

The portal normally opens in November. Several Auxiliaries have applied successfully in the past

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html

AUXILIARY NEWS

News from the Sunshine Coast

Celebrating Healthcare Auxiliary Day May 2024!

SCHA members display information and hand out baked goods in front of the Thrift Store on Cowrie Street in Sechelt in celebration of Healthcare Auxiliary Day. Members also held a very successful bake/plant/craft sale in Trail Bay Mall, and the SCHA Gift Shop in the Sechelt Hospital offered 10% off for the day!



Left to right; Joyce Gould, Catherine Hanson and Marion Chell display information and offer baked goodies to the public on May 11.



The Halfmoon Bay branch of the SCHA held a bake/plant/craft sale that raised $3,312.47.

Left to right; Anne Selder, Karen Biddlecombe, Jackie Hardern, Judy Moola, Jacquie Lee, Cathy Belfry.



Judy Moola and Jackie Hardern display the large amount of yummy baked goods on sale in Trail Bay Mall May 11.

News from Oliver - Due to our Thrift Store build we did not do anything on the May 10th Auxiliary Day, but we were able to join the **Oliver Seniors Centre** for their fashion show on May 4th and promoted the Auxiliary then.









"I'm not aging; I'm just becoming a vintage model." – Unknown

"Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional." – Unknown

"Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art." – Stanislaw Jerzy

"I don't have wrinkles; I have 'wisdom highlights.'" – Unknown

AUXILIARY NEWS

News from Salmo and District Healthcare Auxiliary Society

Over the last few months, we've opened our Store on the last Saturday of the month. We've had a great response particularly from our shoppers who work during the week.

Our hours of operation are Wednesday, Friday, and the last Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

We've opted for a price increase in our Store. Our customers are comfortable with this change, and we can still maintain that we have the best little boutique in the West Kootenay's. If any BCAHA member(s) were to pass through, we'd welcome you to our Store – during or outside of business hours. Just drop a note to salmohealthcareauxiliary@gmail.com and we'd love to have you in for a visit.

Following the BCAHA 2024 AGM, some changes have been made to what we will accept for donations at our Store. While most donations are gratefully accepted, we still experience those unwanted items … as do all Thrift Stores … and no one has yet been able to produce a solution to educate the public. However, it all must be taken with a grain of salt. Without our local resident support, we would not be able to do what we do. Along with 40+ vendors, we participated in a very successful Mother's Day Raffle and Plant and Bake Sale on a beautiful day at KP Park, Salmo. While not local to the area, three incredibly happy raffle winners went home with some fabulous prizes.

On July 1 st , the Salmo and District Healthcare Auxiliary entered a float in the annual Salmo hosted Canada Day parade. Members decorated the vehicle, then six of our members dressed for the part and threw out candy to all the little Salmo-ites who attended along the parade route. The judges presented us with a 1 st place ribbon!





On a beautiful, sunny August 2024 day, our members gathered to celebrate Arlie Bengert's 90th birthday. Arlie has been a guiding hand and an unbelievably valuable member of our Auxiliary since 2002. Arlie was recognised as one of our life members in 2022.



With our members' support, donations, and shoppers from a small area population of about 2,000, we have donated $15,000 as of May 2024 - $500 to the Kidney Foundation of Canada; $1,000 each to the cancer lodges in Kelowna and Vancouver, and JoeAnna's House in Kelowna; $1,500 to KERPA (Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association, Nelson); $5,000 each to the Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation and the Kootenay Regional Boundary Hospital Healthcare Foundation during their spring campaigns. We hope to match or exceed this by year end.

News from the Afternoon Auxiliary to the Royal Inland Hospital

In recent efforts to expand their contributions into the community, the Afternoon Auxiliary to the Royal Inland Hospital donated a van to South Hills Tertiary Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre. This gift plays an essential role in supporting client rehabilitation - ensuring safe and reliable transportation off-site; including taking clients to appointments and allowing clients to participate in recreational activities.

Staff and clients have expressed their profound gratitude for this generous donation – stating that it has almost completely eliminated the problems and costs associated with taking other modes of transportation.

The Afternoon Auxiliary to the Royal Inland Hospital showcases the profound impact a dedicated group can have on healthcare and community well-being. Their story is one of commitment, compassion, and a lasting legacy for generations to come.





AUXILIARY NEWS

News from MacKenzie

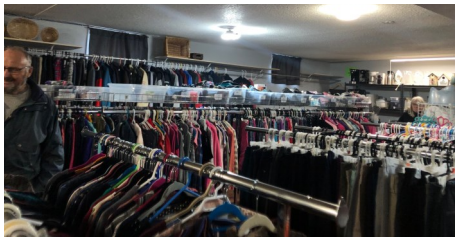
On August 19 at 10 am, the town of Mackenzie came out in force to appreciate the newly relocated thrift shop. The picture of all the smiling lady worker volunteers says it all. Although we must give a shout out to the "invisible" members - Bob, the husband of President Denyse spent many many hours building, painting and helping move along with other background helpers.

The local radio stations did a wonderful job of letting the town know when and where we were re-opening. Even folks who are not regular thrifters could tell us where the shop had moved to.









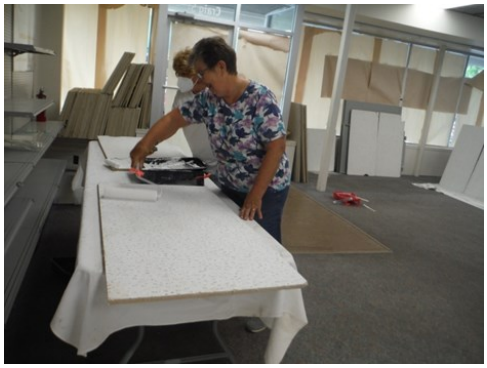
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News from Auxiliary to Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan

Fifteen years ago, a small group of volunteers for the Cowichan Hospital Auxiliary thought that it would be a smart fund-raising move to expand their horizons and open a thrift shop in order to provide more financial support for health care facilities in the area. They found a space to rent at 79 Station Street in July of that year and went to work. From the beginning, the dream was that there would be enough funds raised that one day enough money would be raised that the Thrift Store would be able to purchase its very own space from which to serve the community.

Well, that day has arrived. On June 17, the Hospital Auxiliary took possession of 138 Craig Street, in Duncan, and at this very moment contractors are busy repairing and renovating plumbing, electricity and some structures while volunteers are busy painting, cleaning and preparing the space for occupation. The new location offers 75% more retail space and 50% more space to sort and price donations.

This upgrade is sorely needed. That original group of volunteers has grown to over 80. The shop has daily sales in the $1500 - $2500 range. And, the donations keep coming. Over the last five years alone, the Cowichan Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop has raised over $500,000 to fund ongoing projects and special requests for the health facilities on the region.



Painting ceiling tiles



Our new building

AUXILIARY NEWS

News from the Comox Valley

Auxiliary Society for Comox Valley Healthcare celebrates 110 years of service!

In July of 1913 four Sisters of Saint Joseph arrived in the Comox Valley at the invitation of the president of Comox Logging and Railway with the purpose of establishing a hospital. They purchased five acres of land overlooking the beautiful Comox Bay. By March 1914 they had beds for 10 patients and several ladies, by invitation only, (the "who's who" of ladies in the valley) formed the Women's Auxiliary.

The volunteer hours were spent mending sheets and making bandages and dressings. They canned fruits and vegetable in the basement of the hospital for patients and to sell. In 1916 the president, Mrs. Fletcher, was able to convince the City of Courtenay to extend the power grid across the bay to the hospital. 10 years later she was able to have the water system extended from Courtenay to the hospital. That's 2 years with no electricity and 12 years with no running water!

The main purpose of meetings, held in ladies' homes, was to organize fundraising events such as dances, garden fetes, raffles, card games and business men's suppers. One concert raised $32.50 and a dance raised $36.85. A lot of work for less than $50!!

The hospital Gift Shop was established in 1993 in the lobby of St Joe's and moved to the new hospital in 2017.

To celebrate our 110 years of service in the Comox Valley it was decided to honour 11 groups, who support some area of healthcare, with $10,000.00 each.

These lucky recipients are: Wheels for Wellness, CV Child Development Association, CV Lifeline Society, Therapeutic Riding Society, CV Senior Support Society, Sunshine Lunch Club, CV Food Bank, Comox Bay Care Society Care-A-Van, CV Search and Rescue, Dawn to Dawn, Eureka Support Society.

A Candy Striper program was begun in 1968 for youth volunteers to help with patient care in the hospital. The idea of a Thrift Shop was proposed in 1987 and operated out of a member's backyard shed. It moved to the basement of St Joseph's 1938 wing, then "The Cottage" on the hospital property and finally to the current space in the rehab wing of St Joseph's in 2018.

St Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary purchased a new ambulance in February 1929, had it painted in March and bought a horn for it in April! Unfortunately, it was destroyed by fire in 1932 and had to be replaced by the fire brigade in 1935.

During WWII the Auxiliary struggled to retain members as volunteers and monies were directed to the war effort. After the war the Auxiliary grew as did their fund-raising efforts and patient care. They purchased an oxygen tent in 1947, a gas & oxygen machine 1948 and a mobile x-ray machine in 1952.

A representative of each organization attended the presentation of cheques on April 16, 2024. There were a great many smiles and an equal amount of tears as each person spoke about how this $10,000 would benefit their clients. Many of the organizations are thanking us by now using our logo in their advertising, on their vehicles, or in their spaces.

We are very proud of our history and our ongoing support of healthcare in the Comox Valley! Last year we gave out over $360,000 to various health care facilities in the valley!

Cathie Poje, President

Auxiliary Society for Comox Valley Healthcare





News from Nicola Valley

The Nicola Valley Healthcare auxiliary recently held our year end luncheon social and awards day











AUXILIARY NEWS

News from the BVD Hospital Auxiliary in beautiful Smithers

The Foundation served the auxiliary burgers for partnering with them on the blood analyzer for $160,000. We also had our appreciation dinner at the golf course on May 26.











The New To You Thrift Store in Smithers





News from Trail

The Trail Hospital Auxiliary continues to be very busy. Our Gift Shop is now open 7 days a week and our Volunteers at the Cast Clinic have more new doctors to serve.

Our Life Member Laura Anselmo recently passed away at age 103. She started with the Auxiliary in 1957 and volunteered until her mid 90's when she had to give up her driver's license.

So far this year we have given donations to the Foundation for flowering planters at the Hospital entrance and to the Trail Hospice Society to help fix up and improve the palliative care rooms at Columbia View Lodge.

Our Volunteers will be wearing our red vests while participating in the Kidney Walk June 2.

News from Campbell River

The Campbell River Hospital Auxiliary and the local Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary joined forces to provide $1,500 for supplies to each of the three areas of our Wellness Clinic at the Campbell River Hospital. The Diabetic Clinic, Cancer Clinic and the Healthy Heart Program provided a list of supplies needed which our Auxiliary then purchased with funds donated to them by the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary.

Vicky Stubbs CRHA President



Pictured from left to right is Hospital Auxiliary members DJ Assmus, Patricia Penner, President Vicky Stubbs Sharilyn Irving, Bonnie Reynolds and Eagles member Shelly Morton.

News from Summerland

Ready to go float the lake or channel? Happy Shopping



AUXILIARY NEWS

News from Invermere

Invermere Thrift Store is thriving in our local community with our sales reaching new heights as we enter the busy summer season. Back in January, we introduced a new 'giving back to our community' idea for customers at the Thrift Store who have welcomed 2024 newborn babies. We recently presented gift bags to the parents of the following newborns: baby Kade, baby Elyssa and baby Douglas. Our volunteers donated hand-made items for the newborns including blankets. Please see photos for the smiles that ensued following the presentation of our gift bags.

Janice Boulet – Operations Support



For Baby Cade



For Baby Elyssa



For Baby Douglas





News from the Auxiliary Society for Comox Healthcare

Five of our members received Long Service Awards at our year end meeting on June 18.

Left to right - Jean Fisher, 25 years; Audrey Owens, 10 years; Stevie Gould, 10 years; Dawn Ritzel, 20 years; and Marie Hunter 55 years!! with President Cathie Poje.



News from Squamish



Linda Law proudly displaying the variety of baked goods.

The Squamish General Hospital held a two-day White Elephant, plant and bake sale in May. Our baked goods sold out by 11:30 the first morning, but members baked more goodies for the second day. Members donated plants that sold quite well. The White Elephant sale was a huge success. Customers were pleased with the bargains they were able to grab.





CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

The Squamish General Hospital Auxiliary Society participated in the Skwxwu7 Squamish Together celebration on Canada Day. It was the first opportunity to use our beautiful new tent that was donated to us by the Emergency Room doctors at Squamish General Hospital. We are thankful to the doctors for this amazing donation. We had a successful sale of crafts, Squamish t-shirts and other items. In addition, the day provided an opportunity for the Auxiliary to be more visible in the community.

AUXILIARY NEWS

News from the Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary

Over 20 people attended a beautiful Appreciation Tea in honour of Linda Karleen who has volunteered on behalf of the SCHA for 17 years. She has been an able liaison between Shorncliffe Care Home and Totem Lodge, and now Silverstone Care Centre, facilitating birthday parties for the residents. Linda will continue to be an Auxiliary member and also visit the residents who she has come to know.

Jeremy LaPierre, Recreation Manager, and his able recreation team organized tea, coffee, juice, wonderful food and champagne for a toast and decorations in the Bistro at Silverstone Care Home that made it a really special event.

Pictured here are Anne Selder, CEO, SCHA, Linda Karleen, grandson Kody, and Bobbi, Recreation Worker, Silverstone.





News from Langley



These young people help out at the Thrift Store, Acute Care and Residential Care. They are a huge help and a joy to work with. Here they are at their wrap up party!



Cheque presentation to our Hospital for our June Pledge $ 245,000.00 - one of two yearly pledges.

News from Ladysmith



Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary $30,000 Donation to Ladysmith Resource Center Association

Left to Right:

Nicole Reeder, Allen Jones (LRCA) Jean Sparkes. Donation Coordinator, Carmen Barclay (LRCA), and Debbie Craig.



Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary $30,000 Donation to Ladysmith Friends & Family

In the picture Auxiliary members Left to Right

Sandy Shoup, Rick Morton, Jim Brown, Jean Sparkes (LHCA Donations Coordinator), Jacqueline Neligan (LAFF Executive Director), Anne Russell (LAFF Treasurer) and Bonnie Willick.

AUXILIARY NEWS

News from Squamish

Last year's fundraiser was so successful that the Squamish General Hospital Auxiliary Society decided to try it once again. On July 10th we sold 240 5lb boxes of blueberries as well as raspberries and cherries. We sold out within two hours.

Because we still had customers who were disappointed that they missed out on the fruit, we decided to hold a second sale on July 17th. Since 240 boxes of blueberries sold out so quickly, we ordered 480 more boxes. We also had corn, raspberries, strawberries, and cherries for sale. We could not believe it, but we sold out of everything, except for the corn, in 45 minutes. It was a very hectic 45 minutes, but our members were delighted that the sale was so successful.



We would like to express our special thanks to Robert Forsyth and family for making this fundraiser possible. Thank you to the Squamish community for supporting the Auxiliary in its fundraising projects.



I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.

News from the Fraser Valley



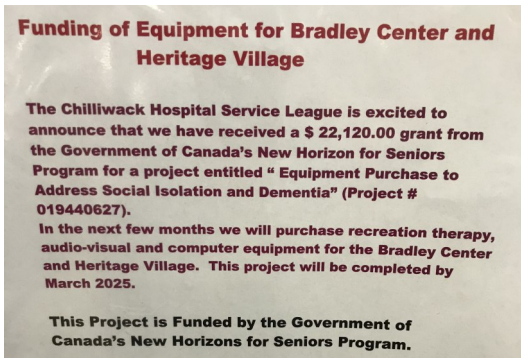
Installation of Executive at Fraser Canyon Hospital and Hope Lodge



Installation of Executive at Auxiliary to Abbotsford Regional Hospital

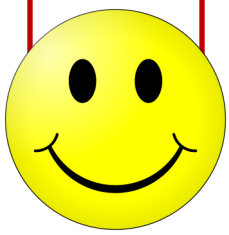


Bake sale held at Chilliwack Hospital put on by Chilliwack Auxiliary



Major grant awarded to Chilliwack Hospital Service League.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.





Our BCAHA History #5

Lower Mainland Part II

The Salvation Army Grace Hospital Auxiliary

The first Grace Hospital opened in 1927, however only after many adversities, disappointments and changes was an auxiliary formed in 1942.

In 1982 the new Grace Hospital was officially opened. The auxiliary expanded their services to include a larger shop, patient TV services, a craft group and layette service.



Holy Family Hospital Auxiliary

The fifty-six-bed hospital opened in 1954, followed by the formation of an auxiliary in 1957.

A Christmas Party was an annual highlight and the Gift Shop helped provide funds for ongoing patient care & comfort.



Holy Family Hospital *opened in this house in 1947 and moved into a brand new hospital building on the property in 1954. The original house served as a residence for the Sisters until 2005 and was torn down in 2012.*

The Auxiliary to the Queen's Park Hospital

Always a small, dedicated group, their activities have been limited and sporadic. They were able to provide special comforts for the residents by operating the hospital Gift Shop in 1981.



Richmond General Hospital Auxiliary

Following the initial concept in 1962, the group grew to an amazing two hundred and sixty-two members by 1964, with the hospital opening in 1966. Remaining active in the Steveston community, their work has played an import part in the welfare of the RGH patients. This hospital was once the tallest building in Richmond.



Royal Columbian Hospital Auxiliary

The years 1902 – 1922 were difficult for the originating group. The first World War, followed by the Flu epidemic took a toll. Small projects happened between 1925 – 1940.

However, by 1945, they were able to hold their first annual 'Country Fair' – a 25 year success!



Peace Arch District Hospital Auxiliary



The Goodwill Group. The founding of this group marks the start of the group structure that runs the Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary today.

This auxiliary was formed in 1946, six years before the hospital was officially opened! They have also participated in the Hospice Society and helped with the Blood Donor Clinics.

They take pride in their accomplishments in helping provide health services to complement the work of the hospital.

Powell River General Hospital Auxiliary

Active since 1945, with a Gift Shop in operation by 1952, the group has very active in supporting their hospital. They gained representation on the Hospital Board the same year.

Establishing a Memorial Fund, an Education Fund and an 'Operation Friend Bear" for youngsters, soon followed.



In the early years, Powell River's first hospital was located in a tent which was then replaced with a bunkhouse. After the arrival of Dr. Henderson in 1911, St. Luke's Hospital was completed in 1913.



Bursaries & Scholarships



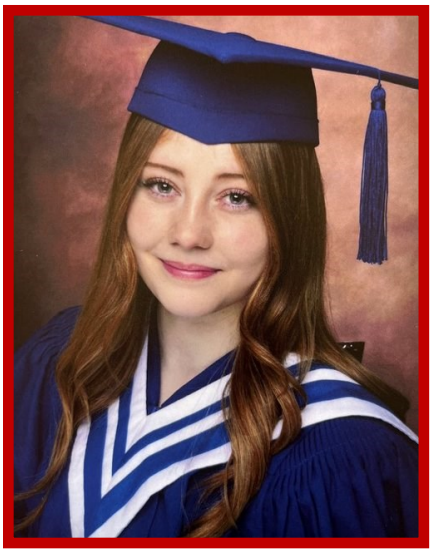
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Tribute Fund Awards

BCAHA TRIBUTE FUND DONATIONS

Has your auxiliary or any of its members considered making a donation to the BCAHA Tribute Fund Bursary in honour of a deceased member? We are a non-profit charitable organization therefore we can give tax receipts to individuals who make a donation to BCAHA. Send cheque and name of the individual to be honoured to the:

Director of Finance:
c/o Allana Ferro
682 Montcalm Road Trail BC V1R 2J8
aferro@telus.net Cell # 250-368-1657





$1,500.00 BCAHA 2024 Bursary to Ella Currah

I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude for selecting me as one of the recipients of the $1,500.00 BCAHA 2024 Bursary. Your generous support is not just a financial contribution but a significant investment in my future education. Receiving this scholarship means more to me than words can express. It makes a huge difference and allows me to focus more on my studies. This support motivates me to work even harder and strive for excellence in my journey.

I assure you that I will make the most of this opportunity and I hope to give back to others just as you have given to me.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. Please extend my gratitude to all members of the BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries. I am excited about the future knowing that I have such wonderful support behind me.



$1,500.00 BCAHA 2024 Bursary to Carolynn Ballarin.

Thank you very much for awarding me this scholarship! It will be a wonderful help towards my tuition at UBC in Pharmacy. I am always so proud being from Trail and so grateful for the help this community provides.



$1,500.00 BCAHA 2024 Bursary to Meghan McCarron.

Thank you for honouring me with the BCAHA Bursary this year. I have been accepted to UBC-Okanagan in Kelowna for the Health & Exercise Science program and have now registered for my fall and winter classes. This bursary will go towards my numerous expenses for first year university - tuition, housing, textbooks, etc. so I thank you for choosing me for this award. I also wish to thank the Grand Forks Hospital Auxiliary for supporting my application. I am working towards for a career in Kinesiology or Physiotherapy, where I know there is a huge demand for the future. I currently work at Boundary Hospital in Grand Forks as a casual Environmental Services Worker so am familiar with the upcoming healthcare needs in our community and in the province.

Thank you again for this award. It is truly appreciated.



$1,500.00 BCAHA 2024 Bursary to Madison Laranjo

I am immensely grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the BCAHA 2024 Bursary. This generous support will significantly aid my academic learning and education in my Masters of Clinical Social Work. With this bursary, I am able to prioritize my studies and professional goals in this field. Thank you to the bursary committee for your kindness, support and generosity.

PROVINCIAL AUXILIARY BURSARY WINNERS

IN ALBERNIE



IN COQUITLAM AT EAGLE RIDGE AUXILIARY



Our 2024 Bursary Winners are - Angela Lu, Sahib Khangura and Yunsoo Kwon. Angela and Yunsoo are both enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program at Port Moody Secondary School. Sahib is at Charles Best School and has already been accepted in the Bachelor of Science program at UBC. Angela plans on becoming a dermatologist. Yunsoo, who also volunteers at The Manor, would like to become a pediatrician. Sahib's career goal is to be a Family Physician. I am sure you join with me in wishing these three outstanding young people a successful journey to their career goals. Congratulations Angela, Yunsoo and Sahib.

IN SQUAMISH



On behalf of the Squamish General Hospital Auxiliary, Marie Worth presented a $1,000 bursary to Catarina Fenton. Catarina has graduated from Howe Sound Secondary School and is planning to pursue studies in the health sciences field. We wish Catarina success in her future studies.

FORMER BCAHA BURSARY WINNER HEADED FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Imran, a former BCAHA bursary winner, been accepted into the University of Edmonton Medical School - on his way to becoming a doctor. He's seen here celebrating with his proud mom, Fateema.



A Letter of Gratitude to the Sunshine Coast

Dear Candice

I hope this email finds you well. I am not sure if you remember me but my name is Isurika Bandara, I was a junior volunteer with the Sunshine Coast Auxiliary between 2017-2019. I am the honoured recipient of two auxiliary bursaries in 2019.

I wanted to express my gratitude for all the help the Sunshine Coast Auxiliary has provided me for my post-secondary education. I am pleased to tell you that I graduated in May from UBC in Medical Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and I would not have been able to do so without all the support and opportunities provided by the Auxiliary.

My hopes for my next career goal is to apply to medical school and to continue my aspirations in the healthcare field.

Yours sincerely,

Isurika

(Isurika was a junior volunteer in 2018. She worked at both Shorncliffe and Totem and was a recipient of the Junior Volunteer Bursary.)

TESTIMONIALS

Part of our mandate is to provide "Education, Resources and Support" for our members ! Here is what some had to say about our effort to do this.

Loved the newsletter—the photos and the illustrations were great!!! So was your article, Carole.

Margy Grant

Scholarships and bursaries make a positive and lasting impact in students' lives now and in the future.

What would you like to see at the next conference

"Interactive sessions that actively engage participants"

" Please, break out sessions"

"Same auxiliary members can not sit at the same table, so we can learn from others"

"Breakaway sessions for different groups ie treasurers, presidents, particular concerns"

"More time for Town Hall

"Separate session for Gift Shops"

AGM Comments

"This was my first conference and I found it very informative"

"I really enjoyed getting to know so many ladies from all over the Province"

"Loved Elvis"

"Great Speakers"

'A lot of information we can make use of in our thrift store"

Excellent photos and what a great conference! Thank you to everyone for making it a success.

Karen Houlden

Chilliwack

Thank you for the information on Thrift Store services.

It was very helpful. Sunshine Coast



What fabulous things are happening in your auxiliary?



If you would like to have anything published in the BCAHA newsletter, please send to the newsletter editor, Sharon Egglestone at:

bcahanewsletter@gmail.com. The newsletter is published four times a year! April, June September and December! If you would like to have anything published on BCAHA Facebook page or Instagram please send to Cheryl Fry at:

commdirector.bcaha@gmail.com

We love to hear from our Auxiliaries, and we love to BRAG about what you do in your communities. If you publish your own newsletter, we'd love to have a copy so we can share your successes with other auxiliaries. Please include us in your newsletter email list (bcahanewsletter@gmail.com) so we get a copy.

If you don't already receive our newsletter and would like to, please go to bchealthcareaux.org and go to the news section and click on 'newsletter'. You will be able to request to sign up by putting your information in, or you can send an email to

commdirector.bcaha@gmail.com and I will sign you up.

Thank You so much, " We LOVE to hear what you are up to"!

Cheryl – Communications Director

LOST AND FOUND

Can you help?

This was turned into the BCAHA at our Kamloops Conference.

It had come into a Thrift Store among other donations. Does anyone recognize to whom this wonderful service crest may belong?



"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing." –

Jean Vanier

