

# 2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

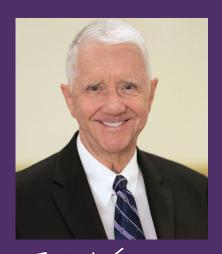












Tom Chambers **Board President** 



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Inge Schamborzki **Executive Director** 

### In October 2023, the Health and Home Care Society (Care BC) celebrated an amazing 125 years of service to the community.

Although we have faced many challenges throughout this long history, most recently the global COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to adapt and evolve to meet the ever-changing needs of the communities we serve.

As we mark this incredible milestone, we have the wonderful opportunity to recognize and thank those who have been instrumental to our successes. Care BC is able to serve and care for the people we do because of the assistance we receive from our community of supporters, including hundreds of dedicated Meals on Wheels and Family Respite Centre volunteers, and loyal donors and generous Foundations, who keep our programming viable through their donations to the Health and Home Care Foundation of BC, the fundraising arm of Care BC.

We also wish to recognize, present and past, volunteer Boards of Directors for their governance, and thank the Care BC staff, consultants, and contractors who work tirelessly to maintain the quality of Care BC's community services. We would also like to acknowledge the significant support we receive from Vancouver Coastal Health, Fair Haven Homes Society, the Vancouver Foundation and St. George's Place Society. These contributions, combined with financial assistance received from the Province of British Columbia, including a Community Gaming Grant, enable Care BC to provide invaluable community services to people in need.

Thank You!

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### Serving British Columbians since 1898

The Health and Home Care Society of BC ("Care BC", or "the Society") is an independent, BC-based not-forprofit organization. Care BC was one of the founding branches of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) as the BC branch. When VON Canada restructured as a national entity in 2006, Care BC opted to become an independent organization, adopting our current name at that time.

### **MISSION**

To provide health promotion and supportive care services to communities in British Columbia

#### **VISION**

A future where seniors live independently in their own homes.

### Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Care BC's MOW program began in Vancouver in 1967 as a centennial project serving five meals to clients in Kitsilano. Last year, Care BC's 428 MOW volunteers served 143,996 meals to 1,593 clients across Vancouver, Richmond and the North Shore. Fifty-five percent (55%) of these clients were between the ages of 80 - 100+. And twenty percent (20%) were over the age of 90 years. Of significance as well, fifty-seven percent (57%) of the MOW clients reported they lived alone. Many of the MOW clients are frail elderly who live alone, have challenges with their mobility, and difficulties preparing wellbalanced meals. The majority of the meal recipients are homebound due to age, chronic or acute medical conditions, or recovery from surgery, illness or injury.

#### Care BC Volunteers

Not only do the Society's MOW programs deliver nutritious Western and Chinese meals, the volunteers provide social contact and security checks to the clients, most of whom are at significant risk of malnutrition and isolation. Without the dedication of the 428 MOW volunteers who last year contributed 41,365 hours supporting the MOW programs, the programs would not be able to operate. On average there are 90 volunteers delivering MOW each weekday. The volunteers deliver meals to clients' homes, visit with them briefly, and ensure they are safe. The Chinese MOW (CMOW) program, launched

in 1996 to address the changing demographics within the Lower Mainland, not only offers authentic Asian cuisine, the volunteers delivering these meals are primarily Chinese speaking.

Care BC would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Mava Foods Ltd. and Blue Ivy House for their preparation of their nutritious meals for homebound seniors this past year.



### Family Respite Centres

#### Vancouver

Forty-five years ago, the Victorian Order of Nurses in British Columbia, VON BC, (name changed to Care BC in 2006) identified the critical need for respite for caregivers living with the responsibility of providing 24/7 care for family members living at home. Without adequate support, caring for a spouse, parent, or friend with memory loss, dementia, or other complex health care issues can be incredibly stressful and exhaustive. Caregivers require periodic breaks to remain healthy to continue to support caring for loved ones at home.

It was not until September 2002, when the current Family Respite Centre (FRC) opened in Vancouver offering both a Day and Overnight Program for frail seniors with cognitive decline, in a safe, homelike environment, so their caregivers could get the "break" they required to maintain their emotional and physical well-being. The FRC was the first program in Canada to specialize in providing temporary care for frail seniors, diagnosed with serious memory disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, and dementia. Caregivers are able to temporarily schedule their loved ones at the Centre, secure in the knowledge they will be well-cared for by knowledgeable, supportive professionals and staff. Participants in the two programs are encouraged to socialize, dine together and jointly participate in programs and activities they are able to enjoy.

On average, 350 families receive care annually at the FRC, within the Day or Overnight Program, or both. There are twelve, private, overnight guestrooms with ensuites, and the Adult Day program can accommodate up to an additional 20 quests. When the FRC first opened in 2002, residents living in Vancouver, Richmond and North Shore could access these services. However, given the limited resources, the decision was made a few years later by Vancouver Coastal Health that only residents living in Vancouver were eligible. For this reason, and to address the aging demographics on the North Shore, the Care BC Board passed a motion in 2008 to build a second FRC on the North Shore and to raise the

required capital funds. Further, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), which provides the operating funds for the FRC in Vancouver, committed additional operating funding for the North Shore FRC. We are very grateful for VCH's financial support of both respite centres.

#### North Shore

However, with limited "affordable" land available to build on the North Shore, it was not until 2019 before planning for the development of a second FRC on the North Shore began with the City of North Vancouver (CNV). In partnership with the CNV, Care BC and the Catalyst Community Developments Society were offered CNV-owned land, over a 60-year lease, located on the northwest corner of St. Georges Avenue between East 1st and E2nd Avenue in Lower Lonsdale.

A 6-storey tower in currently under construction on this site, which includes 18 private bedrooms with ensuites and 25 Adult Day Program spaces, on the ground level, and 89 affordable housing units above the FRC. Care BC has fundraised approximately \$8.5 million of the projected \$12 million construction cost. If the \$12 million capital costs are fundraised before the end of December 2024, it is anticipated the construction of the North Shore FRC will be completed by August 2025.



The Care BC Foundation is filled with gratitude for the substantial financial support provided by the Estate of Helen Louise Shore and the significant pledges from the Y.P. Heung Foundation and the Djavad Mowafaghian Foundation. Thanks are extended as well to the seven donors-to-date whose gifts will be recognized with a plaque, naming rooms within the North Shore FRC. Commemorative opportunities and pledge arrangements may be located within the Because You CARE Campaign brochure, and on the microsite for the campaign: www.becauseyoucarebc.ca.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Inge Schamborzki at Care BC (schamborzki@carebc.ca) or call 604-807-5768 with any questions or when clarification may be provided. If you would like to make a donation online at <a href="https://www.becauseyoucarebc.ca/donate/">www.becauseyoucarebc.ca/donate/</a>, you will receive your tax receipt immediately. Thank you.





### Community Integration Project (CIP)

The Community Integration Project was initiated twenty-five years ago, in 1999, in partnership with the BC Rehab Foundation and St. George's Place Society. The model adopted by the Project Team incorporated housing, rehabilitation and personal assistance. The purpose of the CIP is to assist with the provision of accessible and affordable housing and to coordinate transitional support for up to six months for individuals living with physical disabilities to enhance their community living opportunities. The project, housed at St. George's Place, at the corner of Laurel Street and 14th Avenue in Vancouver, comprises two apartments, one one-bedroom and a second two-bedroom, which can accommodate a family member or a supportive friend.

To the end of March 2024, a total of 110 individuals and 46 family members or friends had resided at St. George's Place. All of the people receiving care and support presented with complex care requirements, having been diagnosed with quadriplegia, paraplegia, strokes and/or related disabilities. Eighteen percent (18%) also had cognitive impairments from acquired brain injuries, thereby requiring substantial decision-making support.

Since 2018, the Individualized Funding Resource Centre (IFRC) Society has been responsible for the operations of the CIP Program. This year marks 10 years since the IFRC Society was established. And, it has been 30 years since the IFRC Society's Executive Director, Paul Gauthier founded the Choices in Support for Independent Living (CSIL) Program.

In 2023 Paul was accorded the esteemed honour of being appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada, for his "social entrepreneurship and advocacy of people living with disabilities in British Columbia". Care BC is very privileged and fortunate to be working with the IFRC under Paul's leadership.



### Highlights of the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position - Health & Home Care Society of BC As at March 31, 2024

	March		March 31
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ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Cash	242	,970 \$	72,774
Accounts receivable	152	,474	383,154
Prepaid expenses and inventory	20	,495	19,576
			475,504
CAPITAL ASSETS	1,523	,921	1,007,300
HERITAGE FUND	1,042	,540	1,205,798
	2,982	,400 \$	2,688,602
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	326	,046 \$	277,642
Deferred revenue	232	,115	328,560
Current portion of employee future benefits	5	,792	1,341
CEBA Loan		-	40,000
	563	,953	647,543
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS	61	,408	58,156
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS	1,480	,092	963,231
	2,105	,453	1,668,930
NET ASSETS	876	,947	1,069,172
	2,982	,400 \$	

### Highlights of the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Operations - Health & Home Care Society of BC For the Year ended March 31, 2024

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Family Respite Centre \$	1,877,090	\$ 1,818,416
Meals on Wheels	1,690,226	1,674,259
Community Integration Project	26,180	28,051
	3,593,496	3,520,726
EXPENSES		
Family Respite Centre	2,198,983	1,909,923
Meals on Wheels	1,972,001	1,840,201
Community Integration Project	29,058	27,396
	4,200,042	3,777,520
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	(606,546)	(256,794)
FUNDRAISING AND INVESTMENTS REVENUE	712,922	492,153
FUNDRAISING AND INVESTMENTS EXPENSE	(110,749)	(100,824)
UNREALIZED LOSS IN VALUE OF HERITAGE FUND	(140,252)	(119,795)
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR \$	(144,625)	\$ 14,740

Approved by: Tom Chambers, Board President Doug Purdie, Vice President and Treasurer



Complete financial statements available upon request from the Health & Home Care Society of BC office.

## We gratefully acknowledge all of our donors from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

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The Macaulay Club recognizes donors who gave \$500 or more in a fiscal year to support Care BC's charitable programs. The Club name honours May Macaulay; her tireless advocacy on behalf of isolated families led to the creation of our organization, as one of the founding branches of the VON in 1898.

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