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HEALTH FOUNDATION
OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Annual Impact Report 2025-26

Land Acknowledgement

Our staff and board acknowledge with gratitude and humility that we live, work, and play on the unceded traditional territories of the Coast Salish, Nuuchaltn, and Kwakwaka'wakw First Peoples of Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands.

CEO & Board Chair message

This past year's impact was made possible by a community of donors, like you, who believe every Island child and family deserves compassion, practical support, and the chance to stay connected when health challenges arise.

Because of you, children made it to medical appointments, families stayed close to hospital services, parents could focus on their child instead of the cost of getting there, and communities came together so no family had to face some of life's hardest moments alone.

We are honoured to share a year defined by progress, compassion, and momentum. The achievements in this Annual Impact Report are more than numbers: they show what becomes possible when a community commits to helping Island children and families reach the services, resources, and reassurance they need most.

In October 2025, the Foundation publicly launched a \$10-million campaign to build Jesse's House, a 16-bedroom Home Away From Home on the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital campus. Named in honour of Jesse Shanahan and inspired by the love, courage, and advocacy of her mother, Sheri, Jesse's House will help families travelling to Nanaimo to rest, regroup, and remain close when their child needs care.

The response has been deeply moving.



Veronica Carroll

Chief Executive Officer

Made possible entirely through community support, donors, corporate partners, service clubs, contractors, and families helped transform a long-held dream into a building now taking shape in Nanaimo. By the 2025 groundbreaking, \$7 million had already been secured, and momentum continued throughout the year as supporters contributed gifts large and small. This is community-built care: practical, hopeful, and rooted in the belief that families should not have to face health care challenges alone.

The realities facing families remain complex. Across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, distance, cost, service gaps, and specialized health needs continue to create barriers. Families in rural and remote communities may travel hours for appointments, arrange care for siblings, pay for transportation, or find accommodation on short notice. As stewards of this mission, our role is to listen, respond, and invest where support can make the greatest difference.

None of this impact happens in isolation. We see every day how deeply this community cares. We are grateful to donors who know every child matters; volunteers who share their time and energy; community partners who open doors; health care providers who help us understand where needs are greatest; families who trust us with their stories;

Paul Murray

Board Chair

and staff and Board members who bring skill, heart, and dedication to this mission every day.

To every person and organization who supported the Foundation this year: thank you. You helped families travel for care, children receive equipment that supports their health and development, parents stay close during hospital stays, and Jesse's House move closer to opening its doors. Because of you, the network of care reaching Island families is stronger.

That same spirit of community leadership will guide us into the historic year ahead.

As construction continues on Jesse's House and we prepare to mark 100 years of service, we do so with deep gratitude for the generations who built this Foundation and renewed determination to support the families who will need us next. Our centennial is not only a celebration of what has been accomplished; it is an invitation to imagine what more is possible. Together, we can build a future where Island families are closer to the services they need, children have the tools to thrive, and no family feels alone on their child's health care journey.

On behalf of the Board and Foundation team, thank you for believing in what is possible for Island children and families. 🍇



Our programs

Homes Away From Home

No two days in our Homes Away From Home are the same.

Their walls hold the stories of new parents, brewing coffee in the kitchen after a sleepless night. Of grandparents supporting their own child as they care for theirs. Of siblings playing and making new friends. Of long days waiting—for a new baby's arrival, or a diagnosis that changes everything.

These homes make it possible for families to be together when it matters most. And they only exist because people like you care. Because of you, every family who walks through our doors has less emotional and financial stress. Instead of being pulled in every direction at an already challenging time, parents and caregivers can focus on their child and be with them around the clock.

Every day, these welcoming spaces bring peace to otherwise difficult moments. And they wouldn't be there without you.



Jeneece Place

Victoria,
est. 2012



More than a place to stay

When Soni and her husband welcomed their son Iraaj into the world, they expected the usual joys and uncertainties that come with becoming first-time parents. Instead, just hours after birth, Iraaj required emergency surgery for a rare condition that had gone undetected during pregnancy.

"I hadn't even held my baby yet," Soni recalls. "I was recovering from a C-section, and he was having surgery."

Living in Nanaimo meant frequent trips to Victoria for specialized care. Throughout Iraaj's first year, the family stayed at Jeneece Place several times while he underwent surgery and recovery. For Soni, having a welcoming place close to the hospital became a lifeline during some of the hardest moments of her life.

"When you are breaking down, just having something nearby makes life much easier," she says.

With a fully equipped kitchen and compassionate staff who understood what families were going through,

Jeneece Place allowed Soni and her husband to focus on what mattered most: being there for their son.

"My husband could work from Jeneece Place while I was at the hospital," she says. "I could rest when I came back, and he could continue caring for Iraaj."

Today, Iraaj is home and reaching milestones. His family celebrated his first birthday in May. He loves music, laughter, and entertaining everyone around him. Iraaj continues to show the same determination that carried him through his earliest days, a determination his parents share.

"Jeneece Place was more than heaven to us. It was such a blessing."▲

**Impact by
the numbers
in 2025-26**

277
family stays

45
returning
families

68
families with a
baby in the NICU

7
Number of
nights for an
average stay

**Campbell
River,
est. 2021**



Far from home, but close to care

Impact by the numbers in 2025-26

112
family stays

31
returning
families

74
prenatal stays

82
families travelling
from North Island
communities

When June* and her husband left their home in Gold River for the birth of their second child, they knew it would be weeks before they returned.

The nearest hospital is in Campbell River, and the drive takes up to two hours on a road with no reception, so every appointment requires planning ahead. When the family arrived for their first stay at Q^walayu House, a weight began to lift.

"Being right next to the hospital relieved so much stress."

When complications led to June having an emergency C-section, the support became even more meaningful. The family had a quiet place to rest, a playroom for their eldest, and a sense of normalcy.

During her third pregnancy, Q^walayu House again became a steady anchor through months of appointments and childcare logistics. When an early morning ultrasound collided

with dangerous weather, the family arrived the night before and woke up to snowfall outside their window.

"I remember feeling so lucky, with my children sleeping peacefully beside me."

And thanks to donors like you, June and her family made Q^walayu House their home in the final weeks before baby was due, spending quality time together, going on beach adventures, and settling into a routine.

"It felt like a vacation, exactly what you need before birth."▲

**Name has been changed to protect privacy.*



Jesse's House

Nanaimo,
inc. 2027



Turning heartbreak into hope

Last fall, we broke ground on our third Home Away From Home, located on the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH) campus.

That moment was more than a decade in the making. And it all started with a remarkable baby girl named Jesse. Jesse was born at NRGH in spring 2013. She arrived 11 weeks early and weighed under three pounds. She required immediate care at Victoria General Hospital's NICU, as Nanaimo's facility couldn't accommodate babies born that prematurely.

Jesse's parents, Sheri and Mike, faced the stress of finding accommodation in Victoria.

Sheri recalled being asked where she was planning to stay when she was being discharged. "I said, what do you mean, 'where am I going to stay'? My kid's in the hospital." And when a social worker told them about Jeneece Place, Sheri described it as a 'weight lifted.' They stayed there for two weeks before Jesse was stable enough to be transferred back to Nanaimo's NICU.

Back home, Sheri witnessed other

families struggling without a comparable support facility. She saw firsthand the financial and emotional toll it took to commute long distances or live in makeshift arrangements to keep supporting their child.

Tragically, Jesse passed away just a week after she was discharged from the hospital. She was six weeks and four days old.

Ever since, Sheri and her family have been driven to advocate for a home like Jeneece Place in Nanaimo, in Jesse's memory. Now, her dream is becoming reality. And it's all thanks to you, our incredible community of supporters.

With construction on Jesse's House well underway, Sheri is filled with hope as she shares:

"Jesse's House will have a huge impact on the lives of Island families, providing a safe, warm place where they can receive the same support that meant so much to us, and be just steps away from their child." ▲

Jesse's House by the numbers

16
bedrooms

14,000
sq. ft.

04/2027
target opening

50%
of births and pediatric patients are from outside the region



Our programs

Bear Essentials

Our referral-based support program for Island families helps with the costs of health-related travel and specialized equipment for their kids, both of which have increased significantly with inflation in recent years.

From covering costs associated with frequent travel to medical appointments to purchasing expensive specialized equipment such as hearing aids and wheelchairs, your support ensures families don't have to make sacrifices to get their child the health care they need.

Instead, you make sure they have the tools and equipment they need to play, learn, communicate, grow—and just be kids.

Navigating the teenage years and a cancer journey



Sixteen-year-old Denver loves trying new things. Artistic and creative, she's the kind of person who will pick up a new craft just to see if she can master it.

She's also remarkably resilient.

"She's super strong," says her mom, Dana. "I've watched her go through so much with such grace."

When Denver was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), the news came as a shock. Aside from looking a little pale, she felt completely healthy.

Suddenly, the family found themselves navigating chemotherapy treatments, spinal taps, medication schedules, and frequent travel between Sooke and BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

As the appointments added up, so did the costs.

While Denver focused on treatment, Dana found herself balancing the realities of everyday life alongside the demands of caring for a child with cancer.

"Life and bills still exist once you come home," she says.

Support through our Bear Essentials program helped ease some of that burden, covering costs such as meals, groceries, and travel expenses.

"It helped immensely," Dana shares. "It wasn't just about the money—it was about being able to breathe a little and know that we could get through this without constantly panicking about bills or meals."

Throughout her treatment, Denver remained determined to keep being a teenager.

When prom arrived, her medical team encouraged her to skip the event because of her compromised immune system. Denver listened carefully—and then made up her own mind.

"She was like, 'I'm going to prom. Look at the dress,'" Dana recalls.

That night, Denver got dressed up, danced with her friends, and enjoyed a milestone that many teenagers look forward to for years.

For Dana, it was a reminder of who Denver has always been: strong, resilient, and determined to make the most of every moment.

Today, the family reflects with gratitude on the network of support that helped them through one of the most challenging periods of their lives—including donors like you.

"The hospital nurses and social workers are super amazing and supportive. And the Bear Essentials program really helped us manage financially while we focused on Denver's health." 🍷

Travel support stats in 2025-26

458

trips last year

224

trips to Vancouver

41

families took multiple trips to Vancouver

11

Highest number of trips by one family

Keeping up with Lila



Lila is imaginative, creative, and always ready for an adventure.

A natural leader among her friends, she loves art, making people laugh, and dreaming up new games. But living with a rare form of dwarfism means navigating challenges that most children never have to think about.

As she's grown older, Lila has become increasingly aware of the physical differences between herself and her peers.

"She's trying to figure out how to not let that upset her every single time," says her mom, Gillian. "That's going to be a very common occurrence throughout life."

After a major surgery in 2024, Lila spent weeks in rehabilitation learning to walk again. There, she was introduced to a yellow gait trainer. This mobility device quickly became an important part of her recovery.

The gait trainer gives Lila the independence

to move through her school day, participate in gym class, and keep up with her classmates.

"Being able to have that physical support means she can have moments to catch her breath and not just be completely exhausted," says Gillian.

Your support of our Bear Essentials program helped the family purchase the equipment, relieving some of the stress of navigating long-term medical needs.

"Having the information that there was actually a pathway—that we could access funding to get that exact model—took so much mental load off," Gillian says.

Today, Lila is continuing to build her confidence and independence. Whether she's creating artwork, sharing jokes, or zooming through the school gym on her gait trainer, she's finding new ways to participate fully in the things she loves. And it's all thanks to donors like you. ♥

Equipment support stats in 2025-26:

107
primary
communication
devices

77
orthotics &
bracing supports

55
mobility &
seating supports

53
specialized
safety, feeding &
sleeping supports

33
pieces of sensory
equipment

“As a single mom of two with no support and a very sick little one. Constantly travelling and being stuck in the hospital, this program has helped me so much. **Being able to just get that extra bit of help for your travels takes away some stress of it all.**”

How you supported the

**HEALTH CARE JOURNEYS
OF ISLAND FAMILIES**

this year

“We had to travel across Vancouver Island to make two hospital appointments in Victoria. We didn’t have the money, but we didn’t have a choice. **Bear Essentials helped us and the staff were so friendly and efficient.** Thank you! We would not have managed otherwise.”



“The equipment has been huge for Asher. It meets them exactly where they’re at, what their body can do today, and helps them keep moving forward.”

“The support we received during a very stressful and emotional time made a meaningful difference for our family. **Everything was handled with care, compassion, and respect, and we felt genuinely supported throughout the process.**

We are deeply grateful to the program and to the donors who make this support possible. **Knowing that this kind of help exists has lifted a significant burden for us, allowing us to focus on our child’s care.”**

Port Hardy

70

FAMILIES
travelled from
North Island

458

TRIPS FUNDED
FOR FAMILIES

325

EQUIPMENT
SUPPORTS AND
DEVICES FUNDED

389

FAMILIES STAYED IN OUR
HOMES AWAY FROM HOME

3,731

OVERNIGHT STAYS BY
FAMILIES IN OUR HOMES
AWAY FROM HOME

7.4

AVERAGE NUMBER
OF NIGHTS PER STAY

“We received consistent long-term funding for us to be on the mainland for dialysis while we wait for a kidney. **It’s helped with travel costs to go back and forth and helps with the loss of income.**”



Q^walayu House

- ▶ 112 family stays
- ▶ 1,280 nights
- ▶ 7.6 nights, average stay
- ▶ 59 nights, longest stay



Jesse's House

- ▶ opening to families in **SPRING 2027**



137

FAMILIES
travelled from
Central Island

60

FAMILIES
travelled from
South Island

Jeneece Place

- ▶ 277 family stays
- ▶ 2,451 nights
- ▶ 7.3 nights, average stay
- ▶ 110 nights, longest stay



Most common trip: Victoria to Vancouver

Longest trip: Port Hardy to Vancouver

Our volunteers

It takes a COMMUNITY

Each year, we rely on a dedicated team of volunteers who share their time and talents to support Island kids and their families. Our volunteers come from all walks of life: families giving back after receiving help, monthly and legacy donors deepening their impact, community members looking to make a difference, and corporate partners rolling up their sleeves to help.

From our gardening crews tending the outdoor spaces of our homes to the many folks lending a hand at events and fundraisers, their contributions help make our work possible. And with each volunteer shift, they help foster a sense of community that rallies around supporting children across Vancouver Island. Three cheers for our volunteers!



Giving time and building community

For Nancy Chiu, volunteering is about staying connected—to her community, to local health care, and to something bigger than herself.

An Island Health employee for nearly 18 years, Nancy began volunteering with Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island in 2023. As the mother of two children who were born at Victoria General Hospital, supporting children's health feels especially meaningful.

"This really resonated with me," she says. "My family has benefited from services supported by the Foundation."

Whether she's helping at Pancakes & Pajamas or selling 50/50 tickets at Victoria Royals games, Nancy enjoys connecting with families and fellow supporters. Known for her festive outfits and welcoming smile, she's often the face of our Foundation out at community events.

For Nancy, volunteering is also about giving back in a meaningful way. "If I can't give as much as I'd like, I can still give my time," she says. "That matters, too."

Reflecting on her experience, Nancy believes the Foundation's work is rooted in something simple but powerful.

*"We should never take health for granted," she says.
"It takes a community to raise a child." ■*

Volunteer highlights in 2025-26:

150
volunteers

781
hours

271
events and
activities



THREE CHEERS FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!



BC Hydro volunteers in the garden at Qwalayu House



Volunteers Sue and Taylor are all smiles



Volunteers teaming up at a Victoria Royals game



Telus volunteers busy in the kitchen at Jeneece Place



Volunteers Brett and Joe greet guests at our Spring Garden Legacy Luncheon



Sprucing up the Jeneece Place garden

The background of the page is a photograph of an outdoor event. In the foreground, several people are seated at round tables covered with white tablecloths. The tables are set with white plates, glasses, and floral centerpieces. The people are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire. In the background, there are white pop-up tents and lush green trees. A building with a red roof is visible in the distance. The sky is clear and blue. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

Our supporters

Compassion and ACTION

For 99 years, community members, service clubs, local businesses, and organizations have stepped up to support Island kids—just as you have. As a donor to our Foundation, you're part of a generous community of folks across Vancouver Island and beyond, rallying around a common goal: to help children and families and make their health journeys a little easier to navigate.

Many of our supporters are drawn to our mission because of a personal connection. They tell us they've been through a health challenge themselves, with their own child, or an extended family member, or they're a parent who can only imagine that stress.

No matter your motivation, we're so grateful for your generosity.

“It really is a home away from home”: Why Kay supports Q̓walayu House

When Kay learned that Q̓walayu House was being built in her community, it instantly reminded her of her own family’s experience.

Several decades before, Kay’s daughter was living across the country in Digby, Nova Scotia when she went into early labour with twins.

“She was sent to the hospital in Halifax and put on total bedrest for five weeks. That’s when she said, ‘I want my mom,’” Kay recalls. “So I moved up my flight and stayed until after the babies were born.”

While there, Kay stayed at a Ronald McDonald House. And today, she still remembers how meaningful it was to have a place to stay close to her daughter and granddaughters.

That’s what motivated her to become a monthly donor to Q̓walayu House.

“My heart has always been with children,” Kay explains. “I know my money is going towards something that means a lot to me... it’s supporting the families of children. And that’s so important to have your mom, your dad with you.”

“Young families today have it so difficult,” Kay continues. “My hope is that more and more children will benefit from this home—that they can have their moms close, and that families will have a safe place to stay without it costing them an arm and a leg.”

Recently, Kay attended a tour of Q̓walayu House and witnessed firsthand how the home supports families.

“There was a woman there with two children. She was getting them dinner, and she was so relaxed. The kids were happy. I thought, that’s really nice to see. If you can be in a stressful situation and then be relaxed somewhere... that means everything.”

Monthly donors like Kay make it possible for families to be supported in times of stress every day, and that means everything to us. 🌸



“My hope is that more and more children will benefit from this home—that they can have their moms close, and that families will have a safe place to stay.”

Making a difference, one night at a time

When Sam Corcoran of Corcoran Financial Group first learned about our inaugural 365 Nights campaign, he immediately understood its impact.

The campaign's goal is to raise funds for 365 nights of stays at our Homes Away From Home, ensuring that families have a welcoming place while their children receive medical care away from home.

Inspired by a family member's experience with childhood cancer, Sam chose to support the campaign in a unique way. Instead of purchasing traditional holiday gifts for clients, he directed those funds to the Foundation.

"When I learned about Jeneece Place and what it provides for families, it felt like a natural thing for us to support," Sam told us.

The response from his clients was overwhelmingly positive.

"It felt more in the spirit of the holiday season. It's a gift on behalf of our clients."

For Sam, giving back is an important part of both his business and his community. "It really does help. Every little bit makes a difference." 🌈



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An unexpected journey from one ferry crossing

Mary and her husband, Paul, have cherished Gabriola Island for years. Though they've always lived on the mainland, the couple visit often to enjoy its beauty, serenity, and sense of community.

On a recent ferry trip to the island, Mary noticed a poster advertisement for Jesse's House featuring Malcolm, one of our champion Island kids. It introduced her to the journey many Island families face when they must travel away from home to access health care for their children. She found herself pausing to reflect.

"When families live somewhere outside of the hospital area, and they have to stay overnight or for weeks on end to take care of their kids... it just really spoke to us."

Mary thought about how she was travelling by choice. But many families are not.

As a mother herself, Mary could imagine the stress of dealing with the logistics of travel when all you can think about is your child's well-being.

When Mary later learned that Malcolm and his mom, Ashley, are from Gabriola Island, it brought their story even closer to home for her. Malcolm's story

made Mary realize there are hundreds of families like his across Vancouver Island, and she felt compelled to help support them. Deeply inspired, Mary was moved to turn her compassion into action.

That connection led Mary and Paul to make a generous donation to help build Jesse's House.

Though the ferry carried her to a familiar place, Mary discovered a different journey that day. One not driven by adventure, but necessity. She hadn't experienced that herself, but it didn't matter. She couldn't stop thinking about the mothers who were living it.

Today, the couple's generosity is helping create a new home away from home for Island families. It's because of donors like Mary and Paul—and supporters like you—that this home is coming to life, ensuring families will have a place of comfort, connection, and care for generations. 🌈



Rendering of Jesse's House, opening in Nanaimo in spring 2027

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Felix & Auggie: small hands, big impact

When Chelsea's youngest son, Auggie, spent the first 10 days of his life in the Victoria General Hospital NICU, her family gained a new appreciation for the supports available to families navigating a medical crisis.

Inspired by Auggie's journey and her older son Felix's love of art, Chelsea launched Art for a Cause as a birthday fundraiser. Through online fundraising and contributions collected at the event, Chelsea and her family raised \$2,560 to help Island families access the care and support they need.

"Felix is a budding artist, so we wanted to provide him an opportunity to showcase his talents and we knew we wanted to give back."

For Chelsea, the fundraiser was about more than raising money. It was an opportunity to teach her children the importance of creativity, generosity, and helping others.

"After having a baby in the NICU, it re-evaluates what you think is important, and so the most important thing is having happy and healthy children."

The project also became an important part of the family's healing journey. As family and friends rallied around the fundraiser, Chelsea

found comfort in seeing a difficult experience transformed into something positive.

"It was actually a very like cathartic healing process," she says. "When Auggie was in the NICU, that was something we all went through."

The response from the community was overwhelming.

"I was so touched by everyone's generosity and kindness," Chelsea says. "I think it really brought everyone together, which is the whole sense of community."

Today, Chelsea and her family are already planning next year's fundraiser. The experience reinforced a lesson she hopes her sons will carry with them throughout their lives:

"To intentionally do things is the most important thing, because no one knows how much time they have. So it's just important to do as much good as you can with the time you do have." 🌈



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Our bursaries



A meaningful partnership with the BC Women's Institute

This annual bursary honours our beginnings. The BC Women's Institute (BCWI) was instrumental in establishing the Queen Alexandra Solarium, the earliest iteration of our organization, in 1927. And over the last century, their partnership with us to support children with health challenges and disabilities has taken many forms. The BCWI's bursary program and generous donations continue a long-standing tradition of supporting children's health and well-being.

About the bursary

Established in 1991, the Women's Institute Bursary is awarded every April to staff member(s) at the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health who are furthering their knowledge in children's health care through continuing education. The bursary, funded through annual donations from various BC WI branches, helps support fees for tuition and/or textbooks.

A lasting legacy for trailblazer Lisa Huus

Lisa Pauline Huus was a pioneer for people with disabilities seeking access to mainstream education in British Columbia. Lisa had spinal muscular atrophy and was the first student with a significant disability to attend the BC public school system. She graduated from Claremont Senior Secondary School in Victoria in 1985 and went on to be a trailblazer for other students with disabilities, studying at the University of Victoria. She was a third-year sociology student when she passed away.

About the bursary

The Lisa Huus Memorial Bursary Fund was established in 1988 by Lisa's family. The bursary supports youth with disabilities to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution in British Columbia or Alberta. Funds support costs of attending school, such as tuition, textbooks, equipment, transportation, residence, and support worker expenses. The bursary is supported by personal donations in memory of Lisa and by fundraising activities undertaken by the Huus family and the bursary committee.

Pyper's story: Designing a more accessible world



For aspiring interior designer Pyper, the future is filled with possibility.

Heading into her final year of Northern Alberta Institute of Technology's Interior Design Technology program, Pyper is turning her passion for accessibility and inclusive design into a career. And support from the Lisa Huus Bursary is making that possible.

"What I love most is the balance between creativity and functionality, especially the opportunity to design spaces that are accessible and inclusive for everyone. I believe there is a real need for more designers who prioritize accessibility."

This is deeply personal for Pyper. Navigating the world with limited mobility has given

her firsthand insight into how design can either create barriers or remove them.

For Pyper, receiving the bursary has helped ease the financial pressures of pursuing an education while living with a disability.

"Realistically, I wouldn't have been able to pursue post-secondary education without this support. It has allowed me to prioritize both my schoolwork and my health."

Pyper's experience is proof that when young people living with disabilities are supported to pursue their goals, the sky is the limit. Because we need voices like Pyper's at the table helping to shape our communities. ●

Bursaries by the numbers:

Over

\$992,000

awarded to date

203 total bursaries
awarded

Over

\$136,000

awarded in 2025-26

27 bursaries
awarded in
2025-26

MAKING JENECEE
PLACE FESTIVE FOR
THE HOLIDAYS



Enjoying the
garden at our Legacy Luncheon



MCHAPPY DAY 2025

THE YEAR

A lovely day for a Jenecee Place Open House!



ORDER OF PI
FUNDRAISER

Women in Construction Fundraiser for Jesse's House in Nanaimo



Lisa Huus Bursary
recipient, Ella



CONGRATS ELLA! 🎉

Launching
our 1st ever 365 Nights campaign in Victoria



HO! HO! HO! SANTA POPS BY
PANCAKES & PAJAMAS



Breaking ground on
Jesse's House in Nanaimo!



in support of Qwalayu House
When Pigs Fly Radiothon 2025



100 Women Who Care about Island kids

IN PHOTOS

Veronica "digs" the worksite at Jesse's House!



Who doesn't love Smile Cookies?

Crossing the finish line at RVM 2025



Smile Cookie sales raised \$77,257 in 2025

CHFL team & our Nanaimo Friends and Family Luncheon



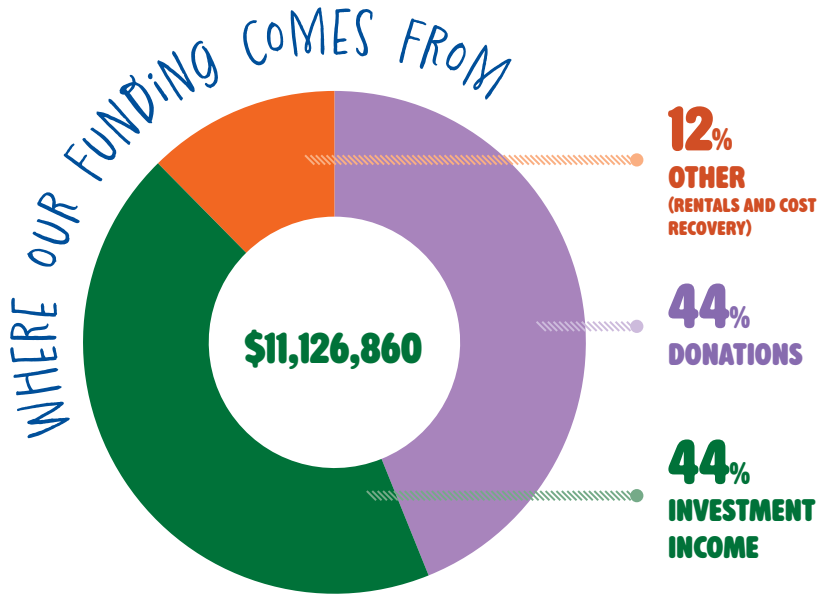
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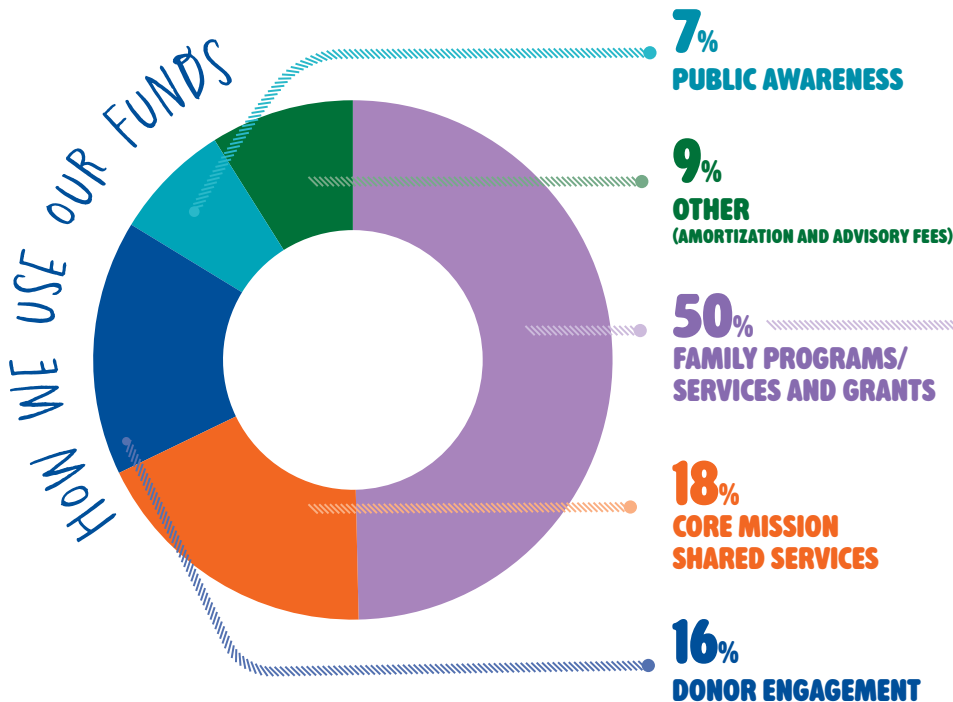


2025/26 Financial Highlights



EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS.

Our goal is to maximize the impact that each donation makes on reducing barriers for Island children and to steward each contribution in a responsible and accountable manner. Thank you to our generous donor community, which has helped thousands of Island children on their health care journeys.



BREAKDOWN OF FAMILY PROGRAMS/SERVICES AND GRANTS



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