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# **BOLLYWOOD BY THE BEACH 6 LIGHTS UP THE SHORES AND RAISED \$56,500!**

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**Clockwise—30 volunteers helped make Bollywood a success, Royal Academy of Bhangra danced into our hearts, Sitar and Tabla. Musicians Anju and Josh set the dial to Bollywood.**

We did it for a great cause and thank everyone for supporting Bollywood by the Beach 6. The Yaletown House Foundation Team sincerely thanks everyone who contributed to our success: guests, generous sponsors, silent/live auction donors and an amazing group of volunteers who collectively raised \$56,500 to help rebuild our courtyard garden.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

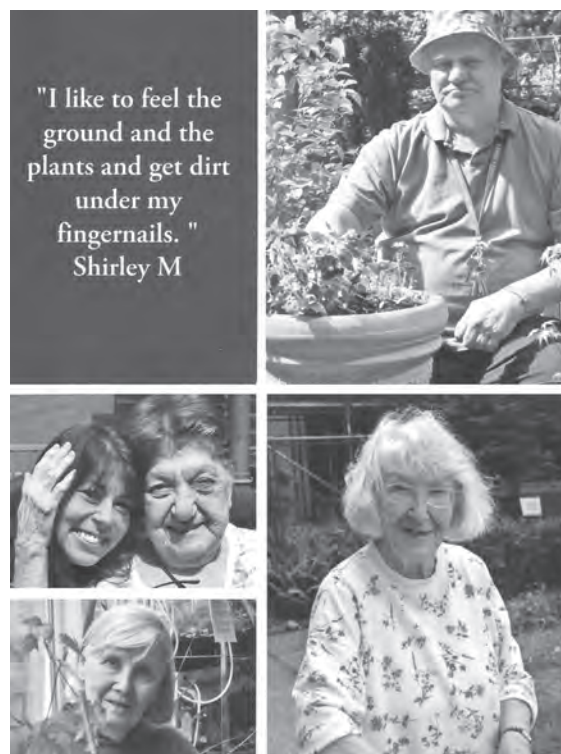
Thank you to everyone—collectively—you helped make our garden grow. We have completed the fundraising campaign for our roof top garden and thanks to YOU, it was an amazing success.

We raised over \$125,000 for the roof top garden and we look forward to welcoming our residents, families, volunteers, staff and visitors to the new dedicated garden space shortly. Thank you for helping us build our **Garden in the Sky!**

As we complete the roof top garden project, we now turn our focus to the main floor courtyard garden revitalization. As our facility-wide renovation project winds down and we regain more of our outdoor space, we are planning on redeveloping the inner courtyard garden on the main floor. New planters and plants, furniture and walkways are just a few of the exciting plans underway. Families interested in donating to the Courtyard Garden are encouraged to contact Lynn Parkin or Carol Crichton. We will again be constructing a donor appreciation wall for donations of \$500 and above.

Thank you for considering supporting this quality of life initiative.

**Please contact Lynn Parkin for more information at [lparkin@yaletown.org](mailto:lparkin@yaletown.org) 604.806.4210.**



Residents gardening in action

"I like to feel the ground and the plants and get dirt under my fingernails."  
—Shirley M

## MEMORIAL GIFTS



In lieu of sending flowers to the bereaved, families and friends may choose to make a memorial gift. An acknowledgment of the gift to the appropriate family member(s) is provided and the donor will receive a tax receipt and thank you card. The name of the resident is permanently placed on our Memorial Recognition Wall. Memorial Gifts help us support services that directly benefit our residents. We would like to recognize and thank families and friends of:

**George Waterman  
Lloyd Doidge  
Paulette Gaudet  
Lily Lai  
Henry Martinson**

Thank you for your kind contributions.

## CHAMBER PLAYERS PROFILE

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**“Bravo! When are you coming back?”**

—Frank, 89

**“September.”**

—Alex Cheung,  
Vancouver Chamber  
Players

**“I’ll be here!”**



Ruth Huang, John Littlejohn, Alex Cheung, Lee Duckles, Manti Poon & Anthony Cheung

The appreciation for the performances is always evident. The residents love the music. The in-house concerts are equal to that of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO)—as two of the musicians are from the VSO (retired and current). It does not matter whether they are playing for an audience of 1,000 or 10—the Vancouver Chamber Players (VCP) always perform at the highest quality, sharing their love for chamber music and grateful for the connection with their listeners.

It was nearly 15 years ago that Peter Lang, a family member at Yaletown House and well-known Vancouver musician, set out to bring concert level, musical performances to audiences that could not otherwise attend. He believed Yaletown House residents would welcome such events and set up regularly scheduled monthly concerts. It was an instant hit with everyone, and the shows continue to this day.

As a well-known music aficionado, most Vancouver musicians would cross paths with Peter at some point. Shortly after Alex and his twin brother Anthony moved from the USA to Vancouver they met Peter and joined the VCP ensemble. Today, the talent also includes John Littlejohn, also from the USA, and Lee Duckles, Co-Director of the VCP and a former Principal Cellist with the VSO—now semi-retired. As well,

guest musicians regularly join in with the VCP and add variety to the monthly concerts. Peter has retired as Director of the VCP but remains an integral part of music in the city. It is vital to all the musicians that Peter’s vision of bringing high caliber performance into the residents’ home lives on as their commitment.

Alex is passionate about music; playing music and sharing music. The VCP musicians truly care about the human connection when they perform at Yaletown House. Alex explains how each composition allows the musician to be both authentic and vulnerable—displaying pain, love and excitement in the process of each performance. The heart and soul are exposed and the players and audience share a moment of unity.

This Autumn 2017, The Vancouver Chamber Players will be hosting a concert to support the 2017/18 series at Yaletown House. Once announced, event details will be available on the Yaletown House web site and around the facility.

Thank you Peter Lang for starting something truly inspirational and thank you Lee Duckles, Alex Cheung, Anthony Cheung and John Littlejohn for continuing your passion for music and sharing it with our grateful community.

NEW MEMBER ANU SANDU

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE



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**thoughtful planning for the long-term future of the facility was definitely at the forefront...**

—Anu Sandu

**Through a friendship with Andrew Grant, current Society President, Anu Sandhu learned about Yaletown House. His enthusiasm impressed Anu.**

Andrew would talk about his connection to the seniors and the governance role that the Volunteer Board Members oversaw. When the Society Board was looking for a new member with a legal background, Anu was happy to step into that role. She also wanted to become more involved in her community—to give back. A new resident to the Yaletown neighbourhood, Anu wanted to find connections where her interest and expertise could be beneficial. Andrew helped find the perfect fit.

A lawyer trained in litigation in various areas of law, Anu has her own practice in downtown Vancouver focusing in Family Law. She is committed to her work and passionate about best representing her clients. Her advocacy skills in helping families navigate through challenging situations is a role that comes naturally, as it has always been a part of her life. Before University, Anu volunteered in a transition home helping individuals move into more stable surroundings. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of Alberta in Edmonton. She completed her law degree at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia and then found herself articling in Vancouver. In addition to running her own legal business, Anu still finds time to volunteer at other organizations providing advocacy support. At Howe Sound Women’s Centre, an organization dedicated to the prevention of violence, Anu and other volunteer

lawyers provide vital resources, referrals and advocacy for women and their children. Anu is also a member of the Fraser Health Authority’s Research and Ethics Board, where lawyers and medical professionals meet once a month to review research proposals from legal, scientific, and ethical perspectives that have been put forth by the medical/research community for consideration.

In her limited spare time, Anu enjoys yoga, cooking, hiking and travel. She is a seasoned traveller with past journeys to Argentina, Western Europe, England and Africa. An upcoming trip to Italy this autumn is Anu’s

latest adventure. With a close-knit family, Anu spends quality time with her brother and parents as well as the newest family addition Kushi, a tea-cup Pomeranian. The puppy has become a star at the Sandhu house with her father resuming his activities by walking her several times a day. These walks not only provide exercise but also needed social time with neighbours and other dog lovers. As her parents age, Anu spends more time supporting her family and feels her connection to Yaletown House will help her understand the services available to seniors and the important links families can provide.

Although she has only attended a handful of meetings to date, Anu is well versed in the operations of Yaletown House and is familiar with the building renovation project. As a member of the Finance Committee, she continuously monitors the operations budget and the building project to ensure the needs are being met now and in the future. Anu was particularly impressed with the consideration of the management team when implementing the renovations project three years ago. She says that recognizing the unique issues of the population and thoughtful planning for the long-term future of the facility was definitely at the forefront of the leaders’ minds. She feels this careful planning has paid off. She adds, while the renovations are going well, it has been a lot of work and credits Carol Crichton and her team for the success.

Anu says she has heard that the Society Members are committed to Yaletown House and their tenure is long with some individuals approaching 5, 10, 15 or more years of services. She is impressed by this dedication and looks forward to forming her own future and giving back to the community.

Welcome and thank you Anu!!

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



The 2017 Volunteer Team



Joy Miller, 35 year veteran volunteer, wins a prize

### Every year we host our Annual Volunteer Recognition Party to thank the 65 volunteers who regularly dedicate their time, energy and enthusiasm.

The turnout is wonderful and in addition to a delicious meal, our honoured guests are presented with gifts made by the residents, door prizes, as well as songs, dance routines and poems by both residents and staff. The energy from the event is contagious as volunteers enjoy and benefit from the opportunity to meet each other, share stories and most importantly receive formal recognition for their community service. Thank you all!

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**"She spearheaded a book sale, contributed her babysitting money and worked on a bake sale with her friends... The project was 100% hers."—Julia's mother Elizabeth said about her fundraising initiative and commitment to the project.**

Our thanks to Julia Huber, a student from Vancouver Talmud Torah, for selecting Yaletown House as her charity of choice for a school project. The project called "The Mitzvah of Valuing Philanthropy" asked each student to choose a charity, interview a representative, write a presentation and then, as a class, fundraise to advance each charities' work in the community.

The students raised \$27,000 for twenty-four agencies ranging from animal care, to supporting elders and health causes. Julia met with Lynn Parkin, Director Communication in March 2017 and then wrote an in-depth story about the Foundation's activities. In June, Lynn attended an awards ceremony where Yaletown House was presented with a donation for \$1,120. Our Thanks to Julia—we were honoured she selected us and grateful to be amongst one of the charities highlighted at Vancouver Talmud Torah event.



Lynn and Julia in front of her presentation board

## BOLLYWOOD BY THE BEACH—THANK YOU

Enormous thank you to **Jan and Mike Volker**, Super Hosts, who have shared their home for SIX By the Sea/Beach events and raised \$250,000 IN TOTAL for Yaletown House seniors. You both are in our hearts forever.

Big thank yous to: Paul Martin (Peacock and Martin Wine Merchants), Darryll Frost (Central City Brewers) and Mark James (The Distillery) for their generous contributions to our refreshment bar.

Thank you to the Yaletown House contractors, sub-trades, service providers and suppliers who generously sponsored our event and who were a tremendous benefit in helping us achieve our goal. We would especially like to acknowledge HEATHERBRAE, KATHY FINDLAY —Wealth Strategies Group of RBC Dominion Securities, OMICRON, ECOLABS, LEDCOR, LOKI, and MNP as our lead sponsors.

Most importantly, we could not have done this event without the invaluable help from our 30 volunteers: before, during and after the event. We are 99.9% volunteer driven and without our team of furniture movers, decorators, event helpers and cleanup crew—Bollywood by the Beach 6 would not happen. Everyone shone so brightly and were truly amazing. Thank you!



Left—This beautiful centrepiece elephant was hand made, thanks to the talented Marlene Gauntley, Recreation Therapist and Emily Wong, Art Therapist

Below—Hosts Jan and Mike Volker generously welcomed everyone into their home once more.



## YES! COUNT ME IN

### More Ways to support Yaletown House

Be a part of our success. Donations can be made:

1. By cheque payable to Yaletown House Foundation  
1099 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5A8
2. Online at [www.yaletown.org](http://www.yaletown.org) using CanadaHelps portal
3. **New:** by credit card at reception or by phone 604.806.4210

**All donations will receive a tax receipt for 100% of their gift and a thank you letter from the Executive Director.**

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Thank you for contributing towards the vibrant future of Yaletown House.