
\$85,000—ABC OF A DONOR
A – AMAZING
B – BEDS
C – CARING



**Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Woodward's
Foundation donates \$85,000 to
the Better Care Bed Campaign**

Thanks to the Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Woodward's Foundation we are moving forward on our Bed Replacement Program to ensure our caregivers have the best equipment to provide safe care for the residents and themselves.

Resident benefits

- Falls prevention
- Comfort and positioning
- Integration with specialty mattresses

Caregiver benefits

- Easier/safer transfers
- Enhanced monitoring through real time data

Thanks to this generous grant new beds will be arriving in the care home in early- to mid-2026. Thank you to the Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Woodward's Foundation for our single largest gift EVER! And for being one of our longest standing, most loyal donors.

Just in...

The Y.P. Heung Foundation donates \$31,445 to the Better Care Bed Campaign.

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More details in the next Foundation newsletter

SOCIETY HIGHLIGHT

Yaletown House: Celebrating 40 years!

November 2, 2025, marked a significant event for the Yaletown House Society: celebrating 40 years of operations. Since opening our doors on November 2, 1985, we've welcomed over 1800 seniors and provided vital nursing, support services and therapeutic programs to ensure quality care remained at the forefront. With 40 years behind us and countless years ahead, we are grateful for the community that collectively forms the extraordinary care home we call Yaletown House today.

We are proud of the relationship with our frontline Staff and Leaders, Residents, Families, Volunteers and extended Community.

While the four-decade journey has presented some challenges -- opportunities have always outweighed the trials and today Yaletown House remains a leader in long term care for seniors.

Thank you to everyone. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

A place where residents
want to LIVE

A place where families and friends
want to VISIT

And a place where staff
want to WORK



Dignitaries break sod in the, then unknown, district of Yaletown—across the street from the future Expo 86.



The plaque that marks the opening day

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Editor's Note: Lynn Parkin retires in summer 2026



34+
years

3 offices

2 executive directors

1 cat named Ted

6

By-the-Sea events

75

newsletters

Countless happy memories with residents, families, coworkers, donors, and community. Thank you, Yaletown House!

A privilege & pleasure

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 will be provided to the appropriate family member(s) 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 the families and friends for their kind contribution in loving memory:

- Yuen Yu
- Terrance McNamara
- Jinny Whitehead
- Maella Crussard
- Michele Matthews
- Mark Schacter

YES! COUNT ME IN

Ways to support Yaletown House

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 using CanadaHelps.
3. By phone 604 806-4210 using Visa/MC

All donations will receive a tax receipt for 100% of their gift and a thank you letter from the Executive Director. Thank you for contributing to the well-being of Yaletown House residents!

Charitable registration #89249 4444 RR0001.
All donations are tax deductible.

We respect your privacy and never disclose, trade, or share your personal information.

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Donna Sargent and Bill Forrest from the Yaletown Lions present Carol Crichton with the 2025 donation



Carol Crichton and Marlene Gauntley ride the Duet Bike along the seawall to thank the Yaletown Lions for the giant gala gift

We are delighted to announce that \$40,000 was donated by Yaletown Lions Club as proceeds of their 2025 Gala.

This is the BIGGEST gift ever from the Lions and brings their grand total to over \$480,000. A remarkable feat for a service club that only started in 2008. Thanks to their annual Galas, the Yaletown Lions Club raises the bar year after year to help local charities including Yaletown House, Elsie Roy Elementary School and King George Secondary School—plus several worthy charities. Thanks to the generous sponsors, and gala guests, we were presented with a cheque that truly helps our senior community. This year's proceeds will be designated to the Duet Bike Replacement Program and Therapeutic Services. Originally purchased in 2009, the Duet Bikes are getting upgraded to electric models—opening more cycle paths to more Yaletown House riders.

Special acknowledgement to the Lions Planning Committee, who organize the unique and fun galas with lively themes, quality entertainment and a few surprises to ensure all the participants have a great evening for a great cause. Yah Lions!

The bikes are arriving in spring 2026

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Christmas 2025— Thanking a Few Good Elves

Delta Hotels
lighting up our courtyard garden

Rancho Property Management
decorating the many holiday trees and main lounge space

RBC
singing Christmas Carols during our Santa gift giving morning

Plus Media
making personalized Christmas Cards for each of our 127 residents

Volunteers
too many to mention. We can't do it without you!

Families and Residents
being a part of our family

Staff
from Care to Facilities and Support Services, and everyone in-between, for making the holidays sparkle

And the parties were plentiful
Choirs, Recital, Tree Decorating, Teas, holiday themed movies, Family and Friends Night, Breakfast with Santa, New Year Celebrations ... just to name a few.

Here is a snap of the holiday sparkle. Thanks to our amazing Team including **Recreation, Spiritual Care, Horticulture and Music.**



Clockwise from top left—Group photo with RBC, Wilhelmina is very grateful, one of the 127 cards individually made, Santa and one of his admirers

A COMMUNITY OF FAMILY

“We are all here for her . . . ”

Nancy and Robin



Almost every day, two sisters can be found together. In the summer, Nancy and Robin enjoy the warmth of the sun under the shade of the mature trees. Nancy brings a music player, and the pair would reminisce of childhood days. During cooler months, the pair are in the greenhouse sharing a snack, a laugh, and of course more music. Nancy is the older sibling by 10 years, but Robin requires full time care having been diagnosed with young onset dementia (replacing the term early onset dementia). This daily occasion was cause-to-pause: the dedication to each other and the difficult times they are both enduring.

In addition to promoting the commitment of the staff and the care we provide at Yaletown House our newsletter also shares stories of the lives we have impacted. How we try to make each day a bit better for the residents and the families who love them. We reached out to Nancy to talk about her experience at Yaletown House and the world her sister now lives in. She generously accepted.

First thing I learned, there is a web of family members supporting Robin. She has two other older sisters living back East, who are in regular contact and visit several times a year. And Robin has her partner Ray in Vancouver and her daughter Desiree who is studying in the States. Together they collectively care for Robin's well-being.

Prior to moving in, Robin worked as an administrative assistant but her real love, and her passion, is music. Singing, playing, and writing. Robin was a part of the Vancouver independent music scene, performing at such legendary spots as The Railway Club, Princeton and Wise Hall. Nancy shares with great enthusiasm the excellent taste in music that Robin enjoys including Lucinda Williams, Gillian Welch and Ray Condo. She says Robin was a “roots rock” fan. Although facing the challenges of her illness now, music remains a constant source of familiarity, comfort and joy in her life.

In her mid-fifties Robin was showing signs of confusion but with no history of Alzheimer's or dementia in the family it wasn't apparent what was happening. The illness progressed and it eventually became clear that Robin required full-time care. Nancy said the one lucky card Robin got was getting placed into Yaletown House. She speaks highly of the staff and the care that is provided to Robin. She says she can see firsthand that staff like working here, they have camaraderie and share laughter and joy in their work.

Beyond music, Robin benefits from our two gardens, rooftop and courtyard as well as the greenhouse space—a place where the sisters spend time surrounded by plants and natural light—regardless of the season. Robin's illness has contributed to her being unable to see, but her other senses are heightened and touching and smelling plant clippings, such as mint, sage, and fragrant flowers is a pastime the pair enjoy. Nancy adds she is grateful for all the recreation programs and, although Robin cannot directly participate in the traditional way, music and horticulture services impact her life in a positive manner.

Nancy is at the care home essentially every day and while this was not the life she expected in her retirement, she draws on her Dharma practices to help ease her circumstances. Her love of her family is at the forefront and she adds that their solidarity is strong. She credits this bond to her parents—“they did a great job of raising siblings who care about each other.”

We end our talk on a sober note, discussing Robin's state of being in between two worlds of knowing what was before and not so sure of what is ahead. “I'd do anything not to have my baby sister experience this, but she is and we are all here for her”. Thank you, Nancy.