

FACTS AT A GLANCE

BC Cancer Foundation Fast Facts

BC Cancer Foundation's Guiding Principles:

Our Vision – A world free from cancer

Our Cause – Supporting world-renowned cancer research

Our Partner – The BC Cancer Agency, an internationally recognized, province-wide, cancer control organization

Our Donors – Are leading the way in helping us advance our cause.

The BC Cancer Foundation is the bridge that connects philanthropic support and research breakthroughs in cancer knowledge. As the fundraising partner of the BC Cancer Agency and the largest charitable funder of cancer research in this province, we enable donors to make contributions to leading-edge research that have a direct impact on improvements to cancer care for patients in British Columbia. We fund with the goal of finding solutions.

As an independent charitable organization, we raise funds exclusively for the BC Cancer Agency that go to supporting innovative cancer research and compassionate enhancements to patient care.

Our offices are in each of the BC Cancer Agency's six regional centres: Abbotsford, Fraser Valley (Surrey), Prince George, Southern Interior (Kelowna), Vancouver and Vancouver Island (Victoria).

By the numbers:

- In fiscal 2016, ending March 31, 2016, **total dollars raised** was \$49.3 million and all funds **remain in B.C.**
- Total BC Cancer Foundation donors: 95,000
- More than **one in three** British Columbians will develop some form of cancer in their lifetime.
- Over 26,000 British Columbians will be diagnosed with cancer this year.

The BC Cancer Foundation funds more cancer research in B.C. than any other charitable organization.

Signature events:

- *Workout to Conquer Cancer* www.workouttoconquercancer.ca
- *The BC Ride to Conquer Cancer®* www.conquercancer.ca
- *Hope Couture, Vancouver*
- *Inspiration Gala, Vancouver*
- *Jingle Mingle, Victoria*
- *Discovery Luncheons, Kelowna & Abbotsford*

BC Cancer Foundation History & Milestones

2016 – Premier Christy Clark announces government funding of \$3 million to the BC Cancer Foundation in support of the Personalized Onco-Genomics (POG) Program and high priority cancer projects, to help the BC Cancer Agency continue to find unique cures for the hardest to beat cancers.

2015 – BC Cancer Foundation reaches its \$6.5-million fundraising target to purchase a state-of-the-art VERO™ machine, the first machine of its kind in Canada. Thanks to BC Cancer Foundation donors, radiation therapy research and treatment will expand to benefit those with traditionally difficult-to-treat cancers.

2013 – The BC Cancer Foundation receives accreditation under Imagine Canada's national Standards Program.

2013 – The newly-transformed BC Cancer Agency Vancouver Island Centre opens after an extensive 10,000 square foot expansion funded by the BC Cancer Foundation's \$10 million *Inspire the World* capital campaign.

2012 – The Jambor-McCarthy Legacy gifts \$21.4 million to the BC Cancer Foundation – the largest charitable bequest to a single beneficiary in B.C. history.

2005 – BC Cancer Agency's new Research Centre opened in Vancouver, funded in part by BC Cancer Foundation donors.

2003 – BC Cancer Agency's Trev & Joyce Deeley Research Centre opened in BC Cancer Agency's Vancouver Island Centre in Victoria, with funding from BC Cancer Foundation donors.

1999 – BC Cancer Agency's Genome Sciences Centre opened, with funding from BC Cancer Foundation donors; founding director was the late Nobel laureate scientist Dr. Michael Smith.

1974 – Established B.C.'s first cancer research facility, in a converted 1920s-era bakery on West 10th Avenue, Vancouver.

1938 – Established B.C.'s first cancer treatment centre - the BC Cancer Institute (now the BC Cancer Agency).

1935 – Founded by a committee of business and community leaders, including Vancouver Board of Trade members, as an independent society to provide cancer care and treatment throughout the province – when B.C. had the worst cancer outcomes in Canada. Now, B.C. has the lowest incidence rates for all cancers combined and the lowest rates of cancer mortality in Canada, for all types of cancers.