



BC Association of  
Healthcare Auxiliaries

## 2015 Annual Report



## BCAHA: Leaders Making a Difference

The BCAHA Board is committed to providing education, mentorship and opportunities for collaboration among BCAHA members, to support their success in recruiting and retaining Auxilians, trying new and different ways to raise funds, and offering opportunities to step up into leadership roles. We know our members face challenges, in times when available volunteers have so many options as to where to devote their energies. We also know they have something very special to offer: the opportunity to support excellence in wellness and patient care, both through the dollars they raise and through that all important warm smile and caring touch to ease the journey through the healthcare system.

At the BCAHA Board level, we believe there is no better way to stay in tune with our members and support their leadership than through personal contact. We have deeply valued their invitations

The theme of BCAHA's 2016 provincial AGM and Leadership Forum is Listen, Learn, Lead. In this 2015 annual report, we celebrate the difference leadership makes every day in the successes of local auxiliaries across the province.

to join them in celebrating successes, honouring life members, and in discussions about how to be the best they can be. We hope these interactions with our Board may inspire them to put their names forward as potential future directors on the Board, to help us remain attuned and responsive to the needs of our members. We also hope you enjoy this report, which not only provides facts and figures about our operations in 2015, but also highlights member auxiliaries' achievements, as a way of illustrating true leadership in action.

## BCAHA Welcomes New Member

BCAHA president Lynda Avis enjoys a strawberry tea afternoon with members of the South Cowichan Healthcare Auxiliary. President Ev Roberts (in blue) and her fellow auxiliarians volunteer at Cairnsmore Place, a residential care facility in Duncan.



## True leaders value their colleagues

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a team of mutually respectful colleagues to raise funds and spirits by reaching out to communities, large and small, and touching heart strings to inspire generosity. BCAHA celebrates the spirit of collaboration inspired by Auxiliary leaders across the province, and clearly, those colleagues enjoy getting together to share learning and laughter with their provincial counterparts.



## RIH Afternoon Auxiliary Awards \$6,000 in Bursaries

Last May, the Afternoon Auxiliary to Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops held its Youth Volunteers Wrap Up to celebrate and acknowledge their volunteer efforts for the past year, and presented four financial awards in the amount of \$1,500 each to deserving volunteers for post-secondary education in health care. By volunteering in various departments at RIH, the youth volunteers gain valuable insight into many different professions.



## True Leaders are lifelong learners

With thrift stores that can raise six figure totals in a single year, gift shops that must stay current and beautiful to maintain their reputation as great places to find the perfect gift, and countless other initiatives underway to generate those much-needed donations, Auxilians know they need to polish their skills and enhance their business savvy. And at presidents' meetings, local area conferences, provincial forums and on line, they constantly strive to do just that.



## True leaders honour their team

“Thank you” – two little words that keep the spirit of volunteerism alive and well among Auxilians. In many ways, large and small, local leaders show appreciation to their hard working Auxilians whose individual dedication and collective hard work make the difference between wanting, and purchasing that piece of equipment that can make a world of difference to patients’ health and wellbeing.



## Making a Difference in Mission

The Mission Healthcare Auxiliary Society has been recognized for its fine efforts and \$300,000 contribution to the TRIM residential facility (The Residence in Mission). Staff at the Mission Memorial Hospital hosted an English Tea Party during which a scenic outdoor area was officially named “The Auxiliary Butterfly Garden.” Congratulations to the Mission Auxiliary, its president, Wendy Matus, and to its many dedicated volunteers.



## True leaders embrace change

When the hospital your auxiliary has supported for years changes its name to honour the First Nation on whose land it was built, it offers a great opportunity to embrace cultural diversity and honour your neighbours – while watching your hospital become even more beautiful, thanks to the work of local First Nations artists. Such was the case for the former St. Mary’s Hospital Auxiliary, whose successes continue to grow under their new name, the Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary.



## Location is Everything!

Invermere Health Care Auxiliary’s decision to move their Thrift Shop to a new location in downtown Invermere has led to a huge rise in sales and a continued dedication to health care from all the IHCA members. Although the IHCA’s major focus is the Invermere & District Hospital or the Columbia House Residential Care Facility, financial support also goes towards the East Kootenay Regional Hospital. Most recently the IHCA membership donated \$50,000 for the EKRH ICU Redevelopment Project.



# President's Message

Our association has entered its eighth decade supporting and honouring the thousands of volunteers within our membership – and how proud we are to support their endeavours. Each year, Auxiliaries raise millions of dollars through hard work and dedication, to purchase medical equipment and support a wide variety of healthcare programs throughout this vast province. Beyond the funds raised, Auxiliaries also volunteer countless hours to provide special personal care and comfort to patients, relatives and visitors, in large hospitals, small healthcare centers and residential care facilities.

The ongoing work of our auxiliary members is enhanced and strengthened by the BCAHA's successful partnership with the six Health Authorities, as well as through the support of various corporate sponsors who graciously fund program events during our area and provincial conferences, and the Health Employers Association of BC, who helps meet our organization's distribution and administrative needs. BCAHA truly appreciates the support of each of these generous organizations.

Recently I had the honour of personally presenting BCAHA Life Memberships to five members of the Fort St. John General Hospital Auxiliary. Such dedication in one auxiliary is truly an inspiration to us all. During the past year, in my role of President, I have been privileged to visit member auxiliaries in many parts of this province and have witnessed this same volunteer dedication everywhere I went. I can wholeheartedly attest to the fact that the AUXILIARY SPIRIT is indeed, alive and well. In the year ahead, the BCAHA will continue to reach out through phone calls, emails, old-fashioned letters, and personal visits at the grass roots level, to strengthen this existing AUXILIARY SPIRIT, thus enabling the torch of auxiliary volunteerism to be successfully passed to future generations. On behalf of the BCAHA Board, congratulations to our members for all you achieved during 2015. May this year bring you even greater success.

*Lynda Avis,*

President



Pictured here at the October, 2015 Mid-Term BCAHA Board meeting are:  
 Front row, left to right: Tim Sader, Valerie Tribes, Lynda Avis, Vicky Forest, Charlotte Apperloo. Back row: Zeb Hansell, Beth Jackson, Helen Carkner, Wendy Schwab, Charlotte Aked, Anne Marie Smith, Christine O'Sullivan. Missing from photo: Arline Allison.

By the Numbers	2014	2015
Member Auxiliaries 31/12/15	84	83
Auxiliaries Reporting	82	80
Adult Members	6,752	6,548
Adult Volunteer Hours	1,332,396	1,250,639
Youth Members	803	734
Youth Volunteer Hours	25,951	29,066
Bursaries to Youth	226,984	245,152
Funds Donated to Health Care	7,361,874	9,464,994
Total Funds Donated	7,588,858	9,719,146

	Operating Fund	Tribute Fund	2015 Total	2014 Total
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash	56,563	7,239	63,802	62,270
Investments - GIC	20,000	30,885	50,885	50,884
Accounts receivable	300	-	300	174
GST receivable	5,509	-	5,509	3,278
Prepaid expenses	4,549	-	4,549	5,000
	86,921	38,124	125,045	121,606
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	10,770	-	10,770	7,674
Deferred contributions	6,620	-	6,620	7,500
	17,390	-	17,390	15,174
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Unrestricted	69,531	-	69,531	68,860
Restricted	-	38,124	38,124	37,572
	69,531	38,124	107,655	106,432
	86,921	38,124	125,045	121,606



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