



Annual Report

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Message from the Board Chair & CEO

In our milestone 80th year, TB Vets Foundation has once again witnessed the extraordinary impact of donor generosity across British Columbia.

Because of your support, life-saving breathing equipment was delivered to hospitals throughout the province, including remote communities, while investments in respiratory education and research continue to shape the future of care. Through strong community partnerships and initiatives, we have expanded our reach and impact, improving lung health across diverse populations. As we reflect on this legacy, we are equally proud of the governance and stewardship that guide our work—ensuring every contribution is managed with transparency, accountability, and care. On behalf of both our leadership team and Board of Directors, thank you for your continued trust and generosity, which make this vital work possible and sustain our mission for years to come.

With warmest regards and sincere gratitude,



Peter Merola
Board Chair



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Strengthening Respiratory Care Across Surrey: Your Support at Work

Earlier this year, TB Vets proudly provided a \$30,000 grant to Surrey Hospital Foundation to help equip CareLife Fleetwood with the Masimo Root Patient SafetyNet system. Simply put, this technology allows care teams to closely watch a resident's breathing and heart activity at all times.

This is what your generosity makes possible: safer, more responsive respiratory care for seniors and adults living with chronic breathing challenges in Surrey.

The monitoring system is now in place across 34 long-term care beds, including 27 beds for residents who rely on ventilators to help them breathe. Instead of checking in only at scheduled times, staff can now see important health information continuously. The system tracks oxygen levels, heart rate, and breathing patterns in real time — and alerts staff immediately if something changes.

For care teams, it means residents are **“never without watchful care.”**

For families, it means **“peace of mind around the clock.”**

Staff have already seen the difference. Overnight changes in breathing and heart rate — patterns that might once have gone unnoticed — are now clearly visible. As one team member shared, the system has helped them “spot concerns earlier and act faster.” With earlier action, small issues can often be addressed before

they become emergencies, reducing stressful hospital transfers and keeping residents where they feel safest.

Families are feeling the impact as well. Before this technology was in place, many worried that sudden changes could happen quietly. Today, they know trained staff are alerted instantly to any concerning shift. One family

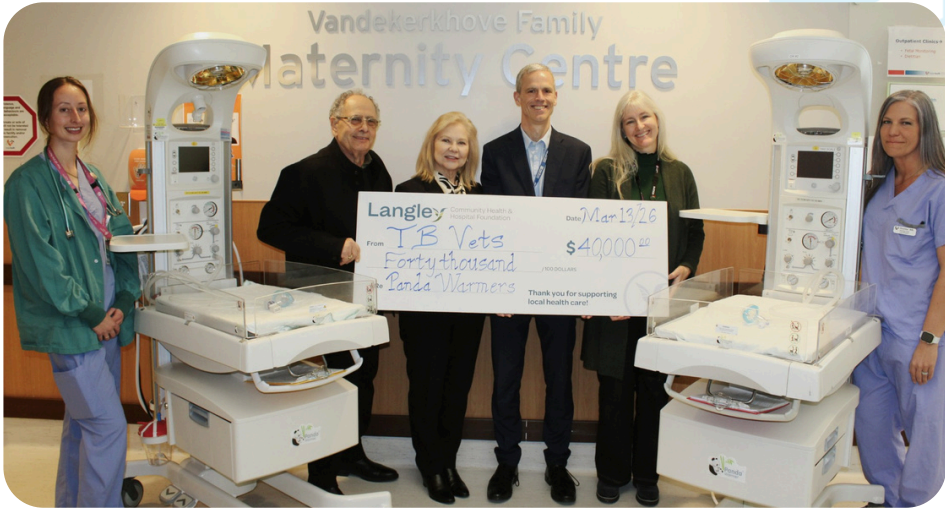


member described the system as “life-changing,” adding that it brings “comfort and confidence during a difficult journey.”

At TB Vets, we believe everyone deserves care that is safe, dignified, and compassionate — especially those who depend on respiratory support. Because of you, residents at CareLife Fleetwood now benefit from an added layer of protection every hour of the day.

Your support is strengthening care not just for individuals, but for the wider Surrey and South Fraser community. Thank you for continuing to stand with TB Vets and for helping bring “earlier intervention, greater reassurance, and better respiratory care” to those who need it most.

Giving Newborns the Breath They Need



The first breath a baby takes is a powerful moment—one that signals life, hope, and possibility. But for some newborns, that breath doesn't come easily. "When a newborn struggles to breathe, every second matters," says Maja Tomas, a maternity nurse at Langley Memorial Hospital. "We must be ready the moment they enter the world."

At Langley's busy maternity unit—where more than 1,700 babies are born each year—reliable, modern respiratory equipment is essential. Panda Warmers play a critical role, providing warmth, monitoring vital signs, and delivering immediate breathing support at the bedside. However, many existing units have become outdated, difficult to maneuver, and at risk of failure.

To address this urgent need, TB Vets Charitable Foundation partnered with the Langley Community Health & Hospital Foundation to help fund the replacement of these vital machines. Through a matching campaign, the next \$40,000 in donor contributions was doubled—accelerating the purchase of new, state-of-the-art Panda Warmers.

These upgraded units allow care teams to respond faster, move more easily within tight spaces, and deliver life-saving support when it matters most.

"Having modern Panda Warmers ready gives families confidence that we can handle anything," adds Maja.

This initiative is part of TB Vets' long-standing commitment to respiratory health across British Columbia. From advanced neonatal ventilators to emergency breathing equipment, TB Vets continues to equip frontline healthcare teams with the tools they need to save lives.

Together with generous donors, TB Vets is helping ensure that BC's smallest and most vulnerable patients have the support they need—not just to survive, but to thrive.

Targeting TB Before It Strikes:

How Dr. James Johnston and TB Vets Are Shaping a Healthier Future

When Dr. James Johnston hosted a webinar with TB Vets, he delivered a message that was both sobering and hopeful: one in five people worldwide have been infected with tuberculosis (TB) at some point—and most don't even know it.

While most people show no symptoms and cannot transmit the disease, 5-10 percent of people with infection will eventually develop active TB, a highly contagious and potentially deadly illness. The challenge? We don't currently have an efficient way to predict who will progress to active disease—or who should be tested.

That's where Dr. Johnston's research and TB Vets' support are changing the game.

Dr. Johnston, a leading TB physician, respirologist, and researcher at the BC Centre for Disease Control, is working to develop a web-based TB risk assessment tool. By using key factors such as years spent in Canada, country of origin, age, and underlying health conditions like diabetes, the tool will allow doctors—and individuals—to make informed decisions about testing and preventative treatment.

This innovation is critical, especially in British Columbia, where 85% of people with active TB are migrants to Canada. Testing everyone is unrealistic and costly, but targeted screening can save lives.

The tool also promises to help healthcare systems use resources wisely, ensuring those at highest risk are tested early, treated sooner, and spared from serious illness.



Dr. James Johnston, of the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Thanks to the generosity of TB Vets donors and partners, Dr. Johnston's project is moving closer to reality. With a funding goal of \$75,000, this groundbreaking tool could soon be in the hands of doctors across Canada—helping eliminate TB before it ever has a chance to spread.

As part of this initiative, TB Vets proudly funded the development of the TB-Migrate website, an interactive platform designed to support Dr. Johnston's research and TB

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prevention efforts. This site provides valuable risk assessment tools to help screen individuals migrating in and out of Canada—bringing us one step closer to smarter, more effective TB control.

Together, TB Vets and Dr. Johnston are not just treating TB—they're stopping it before it starts.



Saving Lives Where Help is Hardest to Reach



How do you save someone's life when the nearest hospital is hundreds of kilometres away?

For TEAAM (Technical Evacuation Advanced Aero Medical), this is a daily reality.

Founder Miles Randall created TEAAM after witnessing how distance, terrain, and rigid emergency policies can delay critical care. In one case, he was barred from reaching a patient in cardiac arrest due to protocol. In another, a 24-year-old woman suffered a cardiac emergency on a mountain. Determined not to lose her, the rescue team “temporarily rewrote the rulebook” — and saved her life.

Today, TEAAM operates four bases across British Columbia, with a fifth launching soon in the Yukon, delivering advanced medical care in wilderness and remote environments where traditional services cannot easily reach.

For the past four years, TB Vets Charitable Foundation has proudly partnered with TEAAM, funding lifesaving equipment — including a portable ventilator and a lightweight cardiac monitor.

That equipment proved critical during a dramatic mission in Las Vegas.

While celebrating his 50th birthday, a Canadian man developed severe heart failure. Hospitalized in Las Vegas, he was told he needed a heart transplant — a procedure not covered by his U.S. insurance. Desperate to bring him home, his family called TEAAM.

What should have been a seven-hour flight became a 17-hour fight to keep him alive. The patient was so critically ill that even small movements took nearly an hour. With the ventilator supporting his breathing and the cardiac monitor tracking rhythms, delivering shocks when needed, and monitoring vital signs, TEAAM provided hospital-level care in the air. “The equipment that TB Vets has given us is the best out there,” Miles shares. “It has saved lives in a very immediate and tangible way — and it makes our work safer.”

Because of this partnership, the patient arrived in Canada stable, received his heart transplant, and survived.

Your support of TB Vets helps place lifesaving respiratory and cardiac care into the hands of front-line responders — ensuring that even in the most remote environments, hope can travel by air.

Listening to a Future: How One Stethoscope Changed Everything for Roda—and Why It Matters

As a Respiratory Therapy student at Thompson Rivers University, Roda knew she was on the right path. She felt called to help people in their most vulnerable moments. Pursuing this critical career came with real financial challenges, one that TB Vets was able to support with.

Tuition, textbooks, and essential tools—especially a professional-grade stethoscope—added up quickly. The pressure was overwhelming at times.

That's where TB Vets and its generous donors were able to impact Roda's journey. Thanks to your support, Roda received both a bursary and a high-quality stethoscope—gifts that eased her financial burden and gave her the tools she needed to succeed.

"Thank you so much for this award," Roda shared. "Your kindness has had a profound impact on my education, not only easing some of my financial

burden, but also making my journey as a student so much more meaningful."

Roda is one of 110 respiratory therapy students at TRU who received a stethoscope from TB Vets, each delivered with a hand-signed message of encouragement.

"Because of your support, I've been able to focus more on developing the skills and knowledge I need to succeed in my clinical training and future career," she said. "Organizations like yours that truly care about students like me are incredibly uplifting and inspiring."

Now, Roda is committed to paying that generosity forward.

"Your contributions remind me of the importance of giving back," she said. "I am deeply motivated to carry this generosity forward by making a difference in the lives of others."

With continued support, more TRU students like Roda can access the tools, training, and confidence they need to become life-saving respiratory therapists.



Left: Grateful bursary & stethoscope recipients from TRU university. Above: Stethoscope gift given by TB Vets.



OVER
\$720,000

in respiratory funding
2024-2025

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

2025 Respiratory Grants

RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT

- \$40,000 BC Women's Health Foundation
- \$10,000 Canuck Place Children's Hospice
- \$40,000 Cowichan District Hospital Foundation (Duncan)
- \$17,000 Delta Hospital and Community Health Foundation
- \$36,000 Fort St. John Hospital Foundation
- \$20,000 Kelowna General Hospital Foundation
- \$50,000 Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (Trail)
- \$25,000 Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation
- \$40,000 Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation
- \$20,000 Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation
- \$16,000 Royal Inland Hospital Foundation (Kamloops)
- \$25,000 St. Paul's Hospital Foundation
- \$25,000 Sechelt Hospital Foundation
- \$14,800 Shuswap Hospital Foundation
- \$30,000 South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation
- \$30,000 Squamish Hospital Foundation
- \$30,000 Surrey Hospital Foundation
- \$3,000 VGH+UBC Hospital Foundation
- \$12,500 Victoria Hospital's Foundation
- \$59,673 WestCoast General Hospital Foundation

RESPIRATORY RESEARCH

- \$40,000 UBC Foundation
- \$40,600 VGH/UBC Hospital Foundation
- \$40,000 Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation

RESPIRATORY EDUCATION

- \$20,000 Bursaries for Respiratory Students (TRU)
- \$17,600 Stethoscopes for Students (TRU)
- \$1,200 Ed Eberlein Bursary (TRU)
- \$13,500 BC Lung Foundation (Carter's Project)
- \$7,500 Stop TB Canada

Your support is making a real difference for people across BC.
Thank you for being part of TB Vets' frontline of respiratory care.

STORIES OF HOPE

How Donor Support Helped Jo Breathe Again

Last December, Jo Knight was visiting Tofino when she suffered a life-threatening pulmonary embolism. Jo was airlifted to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, where she spent 17 days in the ICU on a ventilator.

During her recovery, Jo relied on a **donor-funded heated humidifier** - one of the essential pieces of respiratory equipment that helps patients breathe safely during critical care.

“These weren’t just machines,” Jo said. “They were gifts from people I’ll never meet.”

Today, Jo is back home with her family and eager to return to the activities she loves. Her story is a powerful reminder of why donor support matters - ensuring hospitals across BC have the equipment they need when emergencies happen and giving patients like Jo a second chance at life.



TB Vets 2025 50/50 Lottery Winner



Louis Pinette of Prince George is the winner of the TB Vets 2025 50/50 Lottery, taking home \$26,955. At 66, he says the prize will help with a few practical needs, and leave room for a small celebration, including “a bottle of champagne and a T-bone steak dinner with all the trimmings.” He’s also looking ahead to time with friends, supporting his community, and dreaming of a cross-Canada trip.

Every ticket sold in the 50/50 Lottery helps fund critical respiratory equipment for patients across BC. This year, that support included funding for neonatal ventilators at three BC hospitals - helping provide specialized care for newborns when it’s needed most.

(BC Gaming event license No. 162503)

Supporting Carter’s Project: Advancing Clean Air for BC Communities

In 2025, TB Vets proudly supported Carter’s Project through a successful Giving Tuesday campaign. Carter’s Project is an initiative led by the BC Lung Foundation that improves access to clean air resources and strengthens air quality awareness in communities most affected by wildfire smoke.

Inspired by the memory of Carter Vigh, the project delivers practical tools—including air quality monitors, HEPA filtration resources, and community education—to help families and local leaders better understand, respond to, and manage the health risks associated with poor air quality. This work supports more informed decision-making at the community level, reduces exposure to harmful pollutants, and contributes to stronger respiratory health outcomes across British Columbia.

As a committed supporter, TB Vets is providing \$25,000 in 2026 to advance Carter’s Project programming. This funding will help expand the reach of critical resources and education in underserved communities, while our collaboration with the BC Lung Foundation amplifies awareness and engagement across the province.

Together, we are helping build more resilient communities—equipped with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to breathe safer, even in the face of increasing environmental challenges.



A Community United

This past Giving Tuesday, the TB Vets community showed up in a powerful way. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, over \$37,000 was raised for advancing respiratory health care for British Columbians.

Respiratory health has always been central to our mission — from equipping frontline health workers with critical tools to supporting education and awareness across BC communities. This campaign brought that mission to life and showed the strength of our community when we rally around a shared cause.



A Legacy of Service and Generosity

Leading the charge — twice — was long-time TB Vets donor Commander (Retired) Angus Fedoruk. After 36 years in the Royal

Canadian Navy, Angus stepped forward as our matching donor, contributing \$1,000 not once but twice to double the impact of gifts made during the campaign.

“To look back and say here are these folks and veterans and like-minded people supporting other folks in the community — that means s o m e t h i n g .”

Now mentoring the next generation at HMCS Venture, Angus continues to lead

by example. When asked what inspired him to give, his answer was simple:

“Over time I think about how much I donate — and this year I thought, why not give to the people who support others?”

Angus’s matching challenge encouraged donors across BC to stretch their generosity — knowing every dollar would go twice as far toward respiratory equipment, patient support, and health worker resources.

Gift Card Winner

Jackie is the winner of this year’s B FIT gift card through our Giving Tuesday Campaign!



Her connection to respiratory health in British Columbia runs deep — from supporting the Key Tag program to funding essential services — but what makes her story truly inspiring is the impact of TB Vets’ Get Up & Breathe program. Since joining the weekly online functional fitness class, Jackie has gained strength and flexibility from home. She’s gone from walking hills with ease to enjoying a 120-km return jet-boating adventure last summer!

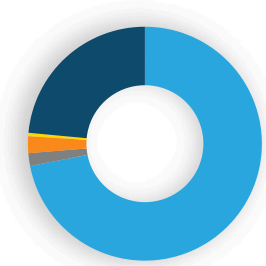
The photo was taken last June at Kistakinaw Park near Dawson Creek, featuring one of the original Alaska Highway bridges. Thank you, Jackie, for showing how movement, connection, and support can truly change lives.

THE POWER OF GIVING

In 2024-2025, TB Vets Charitable Foundation's cost per dollar was 21 cents (excluding community awareness and public engagement), which is lower than the industry average of 26 cents.

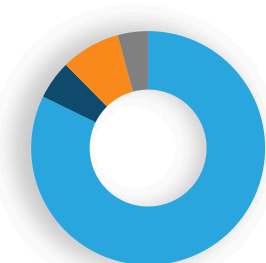
Thanks to our donors, our 2024-25 consolidated revenue, including investments, totalled \$2,357,925. Together with our donors and supporters, we have made a direct and significant impact on respiratory care in our province.

The following financial highlights are based on TB Vets' audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. The Foundation's statements are audited by Rolfe Benson LLP Chartered Professional Accounts and are available on our website at: tbvets.org/audited-financials



SOURCES OF REVENUE

- 71.94%** Philanthropy from Key Tags
- 1.76%** Bequests
- 2.33%** 50/50 Raffle
- 0.46%** GUAB Program Donation
- 23.51%** Investment & other income



DISTRIBUTION OF DONATED FUNDS

- 76.28%** Hospital Equipments
- 7.13%** Education
- 11.01%** Research
- 5.59%** Recreational therapy

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Philanthropy from Key Tags	1,696,278	1,659,547
Bequests	41,419	63,130
50/50 Raffle	54,910	73,140
GUAB Program Donation	10,852	5,000
Investment & other income	554,466	678,160
	2,357,925	2,478,977
EXPENSES		
Foundation operations	496,357	466,411
Community awareness & public engagement	652,465	684,567
	1,148,822	1,150,978
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES AND GRANTS		
	1,209,103	1,327,999
Funds granted for:		
- Hospital Equipments	554,473	460,011
- First Responders		20,000
- Education	51,800	38,800
- Research	80,000	80,000
- Recreational therapy	40,600	40,600
	726,873	639,411
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES AND GRANTS		
	482,230	688,588
Fund Balances , beginning of year	3,311,186	2,622,598
Fund Balances, end of year	3,793,416	3,311,186

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OUR MISSION

Arming Frontline Medical Heroes with
Life-Saving Respiratory Equipment

OUR VISION

BC's frontline is equipped for every situation
where immediate respiratory care is required

OUR VALUES

Community, Family, Courage, Hope,
Compassion, Innovation, Service

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