

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



2026



The BC Cancer Foundation is the fundraising partner of BC Cancer and the largest philanthropic supporter of cancer research and care in British Columbia.

For more than 90 years, we have brought together donors, researchers, clinicians and government partners with a shared vision: creating a world free from cancer. Together, we support progress in cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and survivorship for patients and their families throughout the province.

Every dollar donated stays right here in B.C., funding world-class research, leading-edge technology and care closer to home — to bring hope to the more than 80,000 British Columbians who depend on BC Cancer each year.

PRESIDENT & CEO/BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE



This past year has been a powerful reflection of what is possible when a community unites behind a shared purpose: to advance cancer research and care for every person in B.C.

Thanks to donor support, this has been a year of extraordinary milestones in innovation, access and impact. **Almost 67,500 donors made 253,428 gifts to help us achieve a total revenue of \$105.1 million.**

We celebrated 90 years of progress as a catalyst for cancer research and care, while continuing to look ahead — driving breakthroughs that are transforming how cancer is treated here in B.C., and around the world.

Thanks to the unwavering generosity of our donors, we saw remarkable advancements in technology at BC Cancer. From the launch of Canada's fastest PET/CT scanner and the country's most advanced photon-counting CT to the expansion of life-saving PSMA-PET imaging in Kelowna and Victoria, British Columbians are benefiting from faster diagnoses, more precise treatments and improved outcomes.

At the same time, donor investment is accelerating world-class research — through initiatives like the new Lynda and Murray Farmer Immunotherapy Research Chair and world-leading precision radiation clinical trials which will significantly reduce the burden of weeks-on-end treatment for patients with the potential of increasing capacity across B.C.



This year also marked meaningful progress in expanding care closer to home. Ground was broken on new BC Cancer centres in Kamloops and Nanaimo and a second BC Cancer centre in Surrey is on its way to becoming a world-class research hub. In Victoria, the opening of the Ernie & Yvonne Yakimovich Integrated Care and Research Pavilion Yakimovich Integrated Care and Research Pavilion stands as a testament to what is possible through community leadership.

Our historic Beyond Belief campaign — the largest health fundraising initiative in B.C.'s history — was also completed in 2025. More than 284,000 individuals contributed 1.6 million gifts and raised an unprecedented \$529.6 million to advance cancer research and care.

Across the province, thousands more came together through events like Workout to Conquer Cancer and the Capilano Volkswagen Cypress Challenge presented by Glotman Simpson Cycling, both of which achieved record-breaking revenues last year, demonstrating the collective power of people determined to make a difference.

This year, the Foundation achieved Imagine Canada Standards accreditation and was recognized as one of BC's Top Employers — milestones that reflect our deep commitment to accountability, excellence and a culture that deeply believes in our work.

Looking ahead, the need — and the opportunity — has never been greater. With your continued support, we will keep pushing the boundaries of what is possible, ensuring that every person facing cancer in B.C. has access to the very best in care, closer to home.

With gratitude,

Sarah Roth

President & CEO, BC Cancer Foundation

Miranda Lam, K.C.

Board Chair, BC Cancer Foundation

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Powered by the extraordinary generosity of our donor community, **we achieved a total revenue of \$105.1 million** — which is already transforming the future of cancer care across British Columbia.

Thanks to the support of **67,487 donors who made 253,428 gifts**, critical funding is helping drive life-saving breakthroughs and bring leading-edge treatment closer to home for patients and families throughout the province.

We are deeply grateful for the collective support of communities across the province. With your partnership, we will continue to create hope for countless British Columbians.

EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

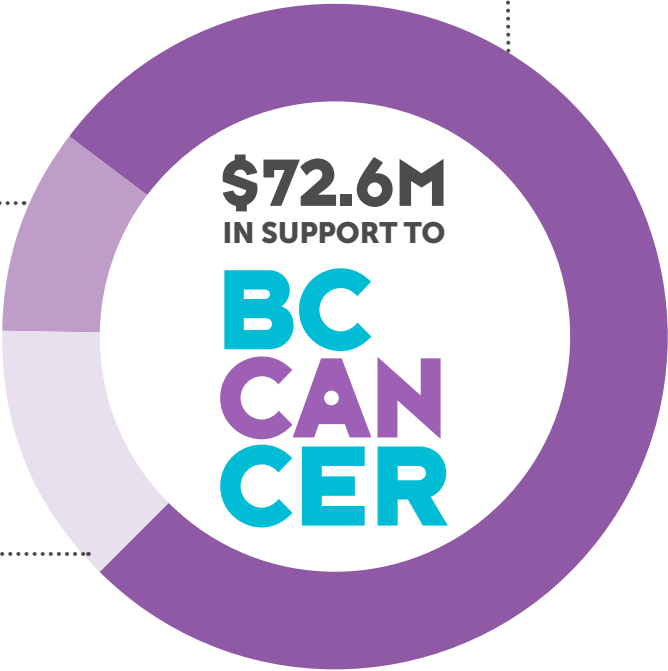
10%
\$7.4M

RESEARCH (INCLUDING EDUCATION)

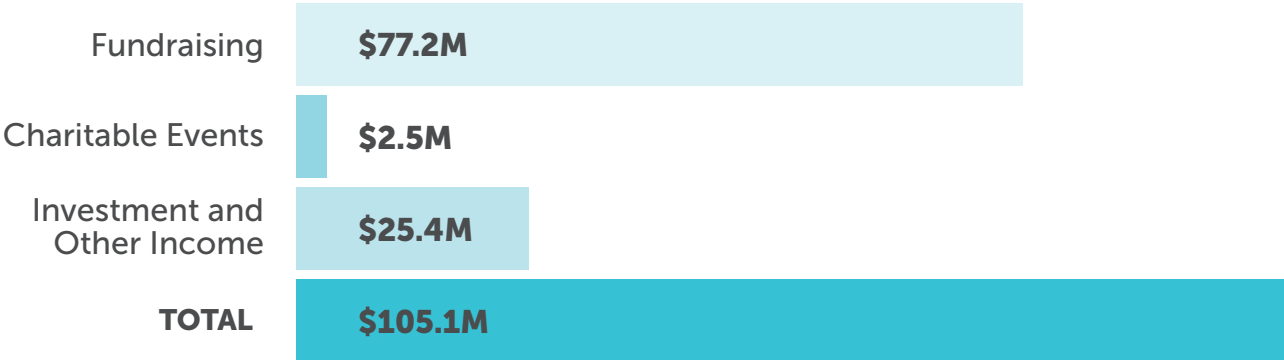
77%
\$56.1M

ENHANCEMENTS TO PATIENT CARE

13%
\$9.1M



TOTAL REVENUE



Fundraising: \$77.2 million — represents all donations received as a result of annual fundraising programs, major gifts and bequests.

Charitable Events: \$2.5 million — represents revenues generated primarily from mass participation events.

Investment and Other Income: \$25.4 million — includes interest, dividends and realized gains on investments.

The financial highlights on this page are based on BC Cancer Foundation’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026.

BEYOND BELIEF COMPLETION:



TOGETHER, WE WENT BEYOND BELIEF

Thanks to your extraordinary support, [in 2025 we successfully completed the Beyond Belief campaign](#) — a defining milestone for cancer research and care across British Columbia.

Together with our community of 284,000 donors, who made 1.6 million gifts, we raised an unprecedented \$529.6 million — surpassing our \$500 million goal and delivering on the most ambitious and largest health fundraising initiative in B.C.'s history.

Launched in 2019 in response to a growing and urgent need — with one in two British Columbians expected to face cancer in their lifetime and new cancer cases estimated to grow by 35% over the next decade — the Beyond Belief campaign set out to drive bold change.

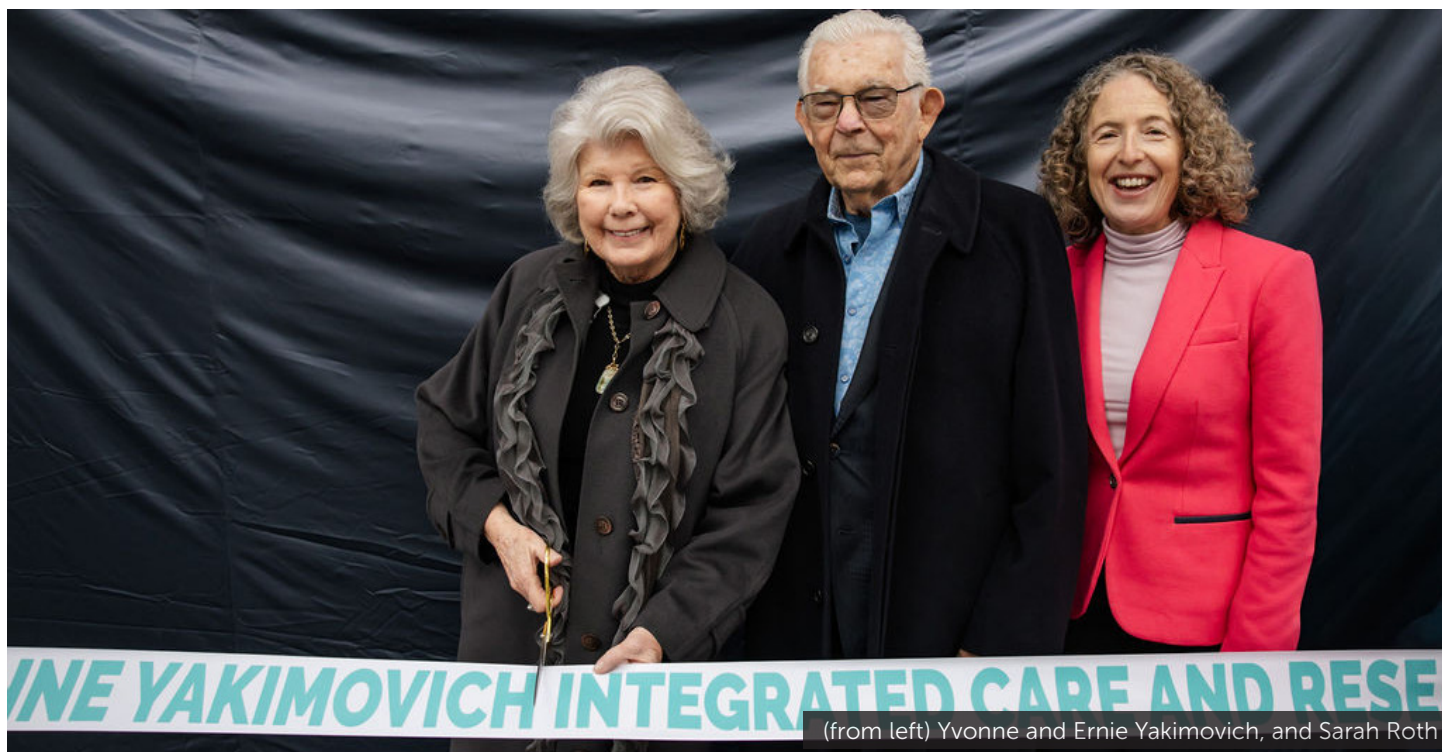
Today, that vision is being realized by supporting over 120 transformative projects at BC Cancer including:

- Supporting the development of new BC Cancer centres, increasing the provincial capacity to deliver care and bringing it closer to home for patients across B.C.
- Advancing genomics, precision radiation and AI-powered research to deliver more personalized, effective cancer treatments.
- Launching [Canada's first CAR T-cell immunotherapy trials](#), with over 40% of patients experiencing complete regression.
- First-in-Canada screening programs including a [province-wide lung cancer screening program](#) that is diagnosing 74% of cancers at an earlier, more treatable stage.
- [Powering BC Cancer clinical trials across the province](#) through one of Canada's most active trial networks, with more than 380 active trials which 70% of participants accessed within 50 km of their home.

Beyond Belief's impact will be felt for generations. And the momentum it created is continuing to grow. Together, we will keep pushing the boundaries of what's possible — transforming cancer research and care and bringing hope to every corner of the province.

ACCELERATING ACCESS:

Donor investment is expanding access to life-saving treatment, technology and essential supportive care services to ensure patients receive treatment close to home.



1. EXPANDING SUPPORT, ADVANCING RESEARCH ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

[BC Cancer – Victoria’s Ernie & Yvonne Yakimovich Integrated Care and Research Pavilion](#) is now providing patients and families on Vancouver Island with a dedicated, separate-from-treatment space for supportive care, including psychiatry and patient, family and hereditary counselling.

The 12,000 square foot expansion to BC Cancer – Victoria’s campus is also growing its clinical trials program, enabling more patients to benefit from innovative treatments while advancing research on Vancouver Island.

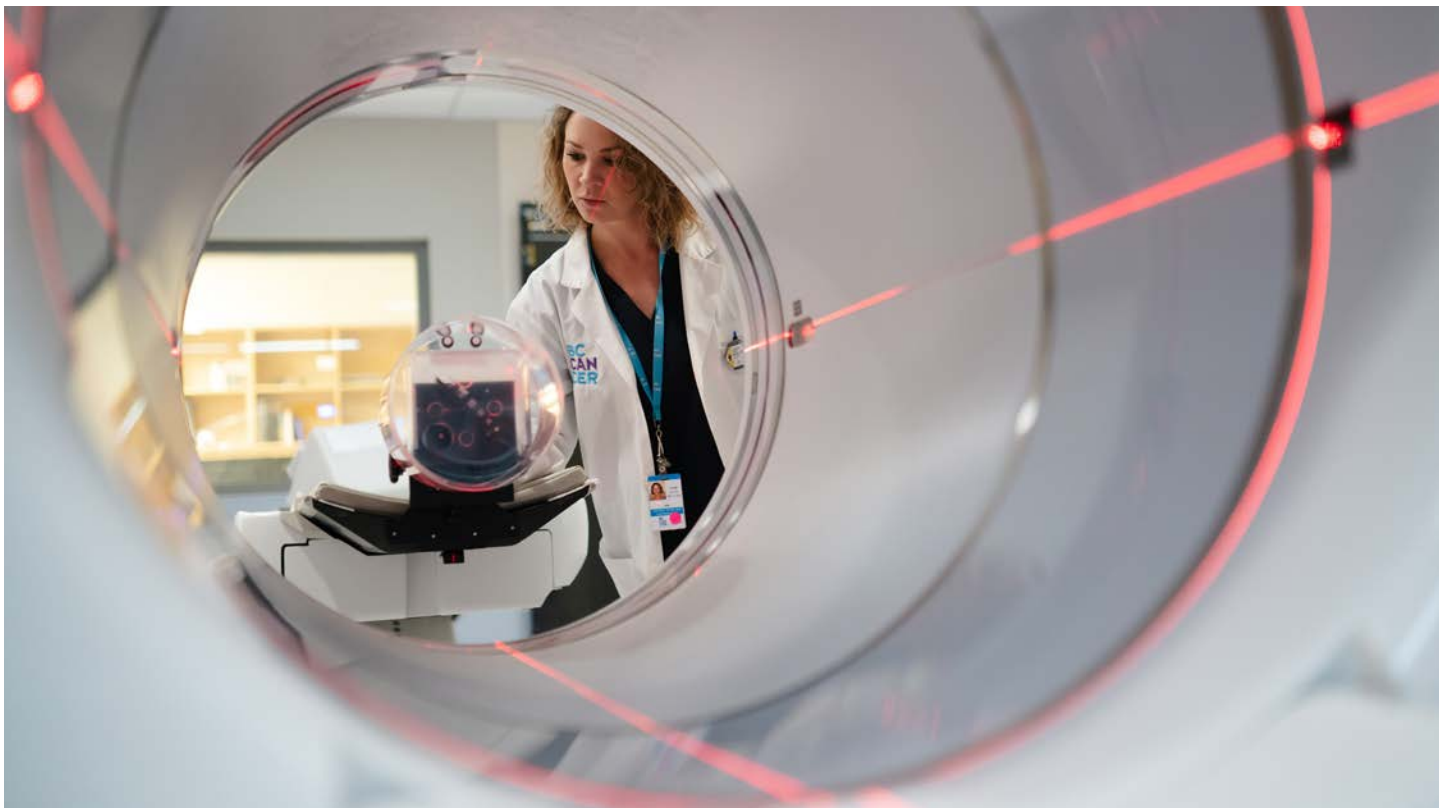
Over **2,100 donors raised \$11.3 million** to fully fund the purchase and renovation of the pavilion.

- More than 720 patients have accessed supportive care at the new pavilion, putting it on track to exceed its projected reach of 1,000 patients a year.
- This represents a 30% increase in patients accessing supportive care services.

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We’re grateful to everyone who joined us in making this space of hope, comfort and connection for patients and families facing cancer a reality.

— **Ernie & Yvonne Yakimovich**



2. STATE-OF-THE-ART PROSTATE CANCER IMAGING ARRIVES IN KELOWNA AND VICTORIA

Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)-PET — an advanced scan that detects the spread of prostate cancer far more effectively than conventional imaging (85% compared to 38%) — was previously only available in Vancouver.

Thanks to over 1,000 donors who raised \$6.4 million, towards the purchase of equipment, renovations and start-up costs, [patients in Kelowna and Victoria can now access life-saving PSMA-PET](#) within their communities.

- More than 4,000 British Columbians are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year.
- Combined, BC Cancer – Victoria and Kelowna will provide more than 900 scans a year — increasing provincial capacity and saving Island and Interior patients the long trip to Vancouver to receive life-saving imaging.



3. NEXT-GENERATION IMAGING IS TRANSFORMING CANCER CARE

Three advanced imaging technologies introduced at BC Cancer – Vancouver are improving how cancer is detected, diagnosed and studied — marking the first wave of innovations made possible through the Foundation’s [\\$50 million Technology Transformation campaign](#).

- A [first-in-Canada next-generation PET/CT](#) is reducing scan times from up to 40 minutes to as little as two, delivering unprecedented whole-body imaging while also enabling new radiopharmaceutical research.
- A [Photon Counting CT](#) — another Canadian first — offers clearer images with less radiation, supporting more accurate diagnoses. The scanner was acquired in part through a \$3 million investment from long-time BC Cancer Foundation partner, the Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation.

- A new Contrast Enhanced Mammography (CEM) unit is also improving breast cancer detection and expanding imaging options for high-risk patients.

Patients are now receiving faster, more accurate diagnoses by clinicians making more informed treatment decisions and by researchers unlocking life-saving discoveries.

- Since being installed in spring 2025, the new Photon Counting CT has performed more than 13,000 scans.
- The upgraded PET/CT is significantly more efficient than the machine it replaced, increasing scan capacity by 24%.

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These technologies give us insights we’ve only dreamed of. They allow us to see cancer in remarkable detail, monitor how it’s responding to treatment and adapt care in real time. This is a powerful leap forward in precision oncology and it’s only possible because of the generosity of donors.

— Dr. François Bénard, BC Cancer’s senior executive director, Research



4. FUELLED BY COMMUNITY SUPPORT, NEW BC CANCER CENTRES BRING CARE HOME

Generous gifts of \$1 million each from the [Benko family](#) and [RBC Foundation](#) are helping a new, second BC Cancer centre under development in Surrey become one of the most advanced cancer facilities in the province.

The centre will expand access to innovative research, leading-edge treatments and advanced technologies — including PET/CT scanners, a brachytherapy suite and a cyclotron — for patients in one of B.C.'s fastest-growing communities.

More than half of all cancer patients require radiation therapy as part of their treatment. With construction now underway at [BC Cancer – Nanaimo](#) and [BC Cancer – Kamloops](#), this life-saving care will soon be available closer to home for patients in the surrounding Island and Interior communities, significantly reducing the added burden of travelling for treatment.

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We hope this gift inspires our community to join us in building a future where every patient has access to world-class treatment, close to home.

— Shelly Appleton-Benko and Tim Benko



ADVANCING INNOVATION:

Backed by donor support, BC Cancer research and innovation is pushing the boundaries of what's possible — for patients in B.C. and far beyond our borders.



Dr. Dianne Miller

5. A B.C. OVARIAN CANCER PREVENTION STRATEGY IS NOW RECOMMENDED WORLDWIDE

A donor-supported study is providing clear evidence that a B.C.-pioneered ovarian cancer prevention strategy reduces the risk of the most common and deadly form of ovarian cancer by nearly 80%.

Opportunistic salpingectomy (OS) removes the fallopian tubes during routine gynecological surgeries, helping prevent ovarian cancer before it starts. First introduced in B.C. in 2010, the innovation is now recommended in 24 countries worldwide.

[This latest research](#) shows that expanding global adoption of OS, and extending it to other abdominal and pelvic surgeries where appropriate, could prevent thousands of ovarian cancer cases worldwide each year.

- More than 3,000 Canadians are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year and around 2,000 will die from the disease.
- Since 2010, approximately 80% of hysterectomies and tubal ligation procedures in B.C. now include fallopian tube removal.
- Between 2008 and 2020, more than 85,000 people in B.C. underwent gynecological surgeries. Those who received OS were 78% less likely to develop serous ovarian cancer — the most common and deadliest form of the disease.

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If there is one thing better than curing cancer it's never getting the cancer in the first place.

— OS developer and BC Cancer gynecologic oncologist
Dr. Dianne Miller



Dr. Abraham Alexander

6. AI-POWERED CLINICAL TRIAL REDUCES RADIATION SESSIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

With support from donors, [BC Cancer's groundbreaking ADAPT-25 clinical trial](#) led by BC Cancer – Victoria's Dr. Abraham Alexander is exploring whether just two doses of AI-guided precision radiation can effectively treat curative prostate cancer, while dramatically reducing treatment times and minimizing side effects for patients.

The trial builds on earlier advances that reduced radiation treatments from up to 40 sessions to just five high-powered sessions. By integrating AI, researchers can deliver radiation with even greater precision while protecting healthy tissue.

ADAPT-25's early results are promising, with patients experiencing only mild short-term side effects. The trial will soon be enrolling patients in Surrey and Abbotsford.

- ADAPT-25 reduces radiation sessions from up to 40 to just two.
- Over 4,000 men in B.C. are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year.

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Small changes, like a full bladder, make a tremendous impact when we're planning radiation. With AI, we're now able to provide adaptive radiation to our patients, which means less exposure to healthy tissues.

— Dr. Abraham Alexander



Dr. Rob Olson

7. DONOR-SUPPORTED PRECISION RADIATION TRIAL SET TO CHANGE GLOBAL PRACTICE

Supported by a \$2.2 million fundraising campaign, including a transformational gift from Prince George's Selen and Anita Alpay, [BC Cancer launched SIMPLIFY, an international precision radiation clinical trial](#) that could change how cancer is treated worldwide.

Led by Dr. Rob Olson at BC Cancer – Prince George (Centre for the North), the trial is showing extraordinary early results in testing whether a single, highly precise dose of radiation can effectively treat common cancers with limited spread while also reducing side effects and shortening treatment times for patients.

- Standard radiotherapy for cancers that have spread to 3-5 other areas in the body can take up to 8 weeks. SIMPLIFY is testing equivalent treatment in just one session.
- SIMPLIFY is currently available at all six BC Cancer centres and aims to open at 25-30 centres worldwide in the next few years.

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Arranging daily trips to Kelowna for six weeks of traditional radiation was challenging for my family. This shorter regimen is a game-changer.

— Robert Goodlad, a Vernon resident who participated in SIMPLIFY after his colorectal cancer spread to his lungs.



ACTIVATING B.C.'S BEST:

Donor support empowers BC Cancer's world-leading experts to advance groundbreaking research and care, while helping retain top talent and attract leading clinicians and researchers from around the world.



Dr. Brad Nelson

8. BC CANCER FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES THE FIRST IMMUNOTHERAPY RESEARCH CHAIR

BC Cancer's world-renowned immunotherapy expert Dr. Brad Nelson has been appointed the [Lynda and Murray Farmer Immunotherapy Research Chair at BC Cancer – Victoria](#), thanks to a transformational \$2 million investment from long-time Foundation supporters.

As Chair, Dr. Nelson will continue leading BC Cancer's groundbreaking immunotherapy research program, including the CLIC series of clinical trials, in partnership with The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. These trials are testing genetically engineered immune cells — known as CAR-T cells — to treat patients with aggressive cancers who have run out of treatment options.

- Results from their first CAR-T trial, CLIC-01, showed a 43% complete response rate in participants with leukemia and lymphoma.
- CLIC-02 includes pediatric patients and targets a different protein on leukemias and lymphomas.
- CLIC-04 will target the deadliest solid tumours such as ovarian and pancreatic cancers.

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This Chair is an investment in the future — in breakthroughs still to come and in the patients whose lives will be saved by them.

— **Lynda and Murray Farmer**





Dr. Rasika Rajapakshe

9. DONORS ARE DRIVING SMARTER CANCER CARE

The BC Cancer Foundation is proud to be supporting [four innovative cancer research projects harnessing AI to improve patient care across B.C. through the inaugural UBC AI and Health Network Fellows Program](#). The cancer stream of the program is being fully funded by the Foundation.

The projects include exercise support for colon cancer patients, AI-assisted cancer diagnosis, personalized navigation tools to better connect patients with supportive care services, and quality assurance for AI systems used in breast and lung cancer screening.

Together, these projects are accelerating the responsible integration of AI into cancer care, with the potential to improve outcomes, reduce barriers and enhance the patient experience for people facing cancer across the province.

- Colorectal cancer research shows structured exercise reduces the risk of recurrence.
- Only 11% of patients access existing supportive care tools on their own.

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By investing in AI-driven research, we're advancing real-world solutions that deliver smarter, more personalized cancer care at every stage — from diagnosis to treatment to survivorship — for patients across B.C.

— Sarah Roth, President & CEO, BC Cancer Foundation





10. DR. ALEXANDER WYATT APPOINTED UBC PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE CHAIR IN PRECISION ONCOLOGY

An internationally recognized leader in cancer genomics, BC Cancer's Dr. Alexander Wyatt's research focuses on using circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) in the bloodstream — known as "liquid biopsy" technology — to better understand and treat aggressive prostate and bladder cancers.

Fuelled by donor support, he and his team pioneered a simple blood test to analyze ctDNA, replacing invasive tissue biopsies and better predicting cancer recurrence.

As the [UBC President's Excellence Chair in Precision Oncology](#), Dr. Wyatt will lead a comprehensive research program to advance the use of precision

diagnostics and treatments in cancer care — a rapidly evolving field that applies advanced genomic and molecular tools to understand the unique characteristics of each patient's cancer. This work is helping position British Columbia as a global leader in precision cancer medicine.

- Supported by BC Cancer Foundation donors, the UBC President's Excellence Chair supports world-class leaders in advancing solutions to the most urgent challenges.
- Dr. Wyatt received his PhD in genetics from the University of Oxford.



Dr. Kim Chi

11. DR. KIM CHI NAMED A HIGHLY CITED RESEARCHER

In recognition of his global impact in prostate cancer research, [Dr. Kim Chi was named a 2025 Highly Cited Researcher by Clarivate](#), a global organization that honours researchers whose published work ranks among the top 1% in the world.

Dr. Chi has earned international recognition for advancing research in genitourinary cancers and investigational new drugs, helping shape the international standard of care for patients

with advanced prostate cancer. With BC Cancer Foundation support, Dr. Chi has led numerous global clinical trials and research studies focused on translating discoveries into improved patient care.

- Dr. Chi has been involved in the development of almost every major drug used for prostate cancer since 2004.

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Dr. Chi's work has changed clinical practice, advanced global understanding of prostate cancer, and improved outcomes for countless patients. We are proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.

— Dr. François Bénard, senior executive director, Research, BC Cancer.



LEAVING A LEGACY:

Legacy giving is vital in sustaining cancer research and care in B.C. to ensure future generations benefit from continued innovation, improved treatments and better outcomes.



Patricia Summers (left)

12. PATRICIA SUMMERS' STORY OF LASTING IMPACT

"Pat really wanted to help the world," says Beatrice Summers of her late daughter Patricia who devoted her career to bettering communities — in B.C. and abroad.

Through [a generous gift in her will to the BC Cancer Foundation](#), Patricia's legacy of impact lives on.

From her work in international development to her senior leadership roles in several B.C. government ministries, Patricia was driven to create meaningful change.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001, she brought that dedication to BC Cancer,

supporting prevention efforts and volunteering to help others facing the disease.

After more than 20 years of living with cancer, Patricia passed away, but her belief in the power of science and her gratitude for the care she received at BC Cancer – Victoria continues through a gift of her pension and RRSP to the BC Cancer Foundation.

- Last year, BC Cancer Foundation donors collectively contributed more than \$15 million through gifts in their estate plans.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chair: Miranda Lam, K.C. / Vice Chair: Launi Skinner / Directors: Ali Ardakani, Graeme Baker, Shelly Appleton-Benko, Etienne Bruson, Brent Cameron, Tamara Howarth, Dr. Paris-Ann Ingledew, Laurie Schultz, Kristine Steuart, Todd Yuen, Allan Wiekenkamp

As we reflect on a year of extraordinary momentum and impact, we are deeply grateful for the leadership, stewardship and partnership of our board of directors. Their guidance and commitment continue to strengthen the Foundation's ability to advance cancer research and care for people across British Columbia.

This year also marks an important leadership transition. After two years of dedicated service, Miranda Lam completes her term as board chair. Throughout her tenure, Miranda's thoughtful leadership, unwavering integrity and deep commitment to our mission helped guide the Foundation through a period of significant growth and transformational impact. Her contributions have left a lasting mark on the organization and the communities we serve.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONOR COMMUNITY

Your generosity is transforming cancer care for people across British Columbia. Because of you, patients have greater access to leading-edge treatments, groundbreaking clinical trials, world-class research and care closer to home. Together, we are advancing discoveries that are changing outcomes today while building a future where more cancers can be prevented, detected earlier and treated more effectively.

Every breakthrough highlighted in this report is a reflection of your vision and commitment to improving lives. On behalf of the patients, families, researchers and care teams at BC Cancer and the BC Cancer Foundation, thank you for helping bring hope to British Columbians facing cancer — today and for generations to come.