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Giving makes us all better

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Your gift in April is already Serving our Community. Thank you so much! Glan

Mr. Ed Life President Tecnet Canada Inc. 3403 Seymour Pl Victoria, BC V8X 1W4

Dear Mr. Life, Tecnet Team

You are making history in our hospitals at a critical time. Because of you, and your gift to Victoria Hospitals Foundation, equipment for a new critical care unit is arriving and is ready to help our sickest patients. You have answered the call to help our caregivers, and made an impact in record time.

You and 1,600+ fellow donors in the community have raised over \$1 million and made a new interim High Acuity Unit (HAU) possible at Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH). This important expansion of critical care capacity opens to receive patients in early October, a few short weeks away. New equipment like eight leading-edge critical care beds and a portable ultrasound are now in the hands of our caregivers and operationalized because of your commitment to the healthcare we all rely on. Thank you.

Your support continues to propel us towards It's Critical's \$7 million goal to build Island Health's first permanent HAU, right here at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Opening an interim High Acuity Unit and building a permanent HAU is a historic moment for our community-one you've helped make possible. This specialized level of care and equipment will help over 500 Vancouver Islanders each year as they face serious health challenges. Patients recovering from complex cancer surgeries, cardiac patients, those suffering from severe respiratory illness.

An HAU and the expanded critical care capacity it brings are a long-held priority for our Island Health colleagues. COVID-19 has only accentuated this need. You've given our front lines new resources and the capacity and flexibility to manage surges in critical care hospitalizations. such as during influenza season or future waves of COVID-19.

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You're also helping our hospitals prepare to meet the needs of our growing and aging community. In the next 10 years, our Island's 75+ population is projected to grow by 66%. As a referral centre for over 850,000 Islanders, Royal Jubilee Hospital needs more resources.

While we pause to celebrate this milestone, we're conscious of the work still needed to make a permanent HAU a reality. <u>Our goal is ambitious—raising \$7 million will take each and every one of us in our community</u>. Please share this vital healthcare need with your friends, family and colleagues—together we will make a lasting impact at a historic time.

On behalf of the Island patients, families, and caregivers that will benefit from It's Critical, thank you for joining us as we transform healthcare together.

With deep gratitude,

Colleen Bronson

Manager, Philanthropy

PS. I look forward to keeping you updated on *It's Critical*'s progress and sharing stories from the front lines. To learn more about the equipment you've funded, please visit victoriahf.ca/critical or contact me directly at 250-519-1750.