

TB Vets at BC Children's Hospital Miracle Weekend Telethon



The Miracle Weekend telethon took place at BC Children's Hospital, on June 1 and June 2, 2013. The Miracle Weekend consisted of multiple fundraising events, such as the marathon and the Telethon.

TB Vets was one of the foundations that helped the telethon raise \$18,353,580 for the hospital. TB Vets donated \$35,000 which will be used to purchase a Jet Ventilator for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit; this equipment will help many children and their families breathe easily.

The event was hosted by Global BC TV; TB Vets had a cheque presentation on live TV and a photo cheque presentation with the directors of BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

A large group of TB Vets employees, members of the Board of Directors and their families attended the event to represent our Foundation. Our chair, Kandys Merola was interviewed on live TV by Global BC personality, Kristi Gordon.

Kandys, spoke about our foundation, how we raise funds and our goals. It was great to be part of such a spectacular event; TB Vets is looking forward to been part of the Miracle Weekend for many years to come!



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Message from the Chair of the Board and the Executive Director of TB Vets

Helping British Columbians Breathe Easier

A heartfelt thank you from the Board of Directors and our Executive Director for your generous support. Because of your donations this past year has been productive and incredibly rewarding. TB Vets was able to contribute \$387,000 to supply life-saving respiratory equipment to Hospitals, for Respiratory education at Thompson Rivers University and for TB Research.

For over 65 years TB Vets Charitable Foundation has been dedicated to its mission of promoting and improving respiratory health for British Columbians. A non-profit health charity, TB Vets depends on donations from the public to support our mission.

Dr. Yossef AvGay at the University of BC and VGH is one of the Keys to our success. We fund world class research to find treatments and ultimately a cure for TB and respiratory diseases. Despite the low incidence of tuberculosis in Canada, 1600 new cases are reported every year. Worldwide, more than 9 million people develop active TB each year and nearly 2 million will die. If not treated, each person with active TB infects, on average 10 to 15 others. TB tends to travel into Canada as people travel back and forth to high incidence countries, with the majority of all new TB cases in Canada occurring in people born outside of the country and Aboriginal peoples.

This year was a first for TB Vets, as we provided much needed money to the TB Ward at VGH for an activity worker. The activity worker will help enrich the lives of patients with TB who must remain in isolation for many months at a time.

Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops is the only University in the province where Respiratory Therapists are trained. TB Vets has made a commitment to provide Education Awards to students of this program for years to come.

TB Vets has given money for vital respiratory equipment to help patients all over the province breathe easier. The donation of a ventilator allows medical teams to deliver 100% oxygen levels to adult and pediatric patients using non-invasive technology, improving patient comfort and reducing costs.

TB Vets delivers the original KeyTag program, returning lost keys for over 65 years. Please visit www.tbvets.org to make a donation and receive your KeyTags to help continue the fight against TB and respiratory diseases.

Of course none of our work would be possible without your generous donations. We thank you for helping British Columbians breathe easier.



Kandys Merola
Chair



Neil Mackie
Executive Director

The recipients of TB Vets grants for 2013

TB Vets is donating \$387,926 to 11 organizations this year, to help them purchase respiratory equipment, fund research and provide Education Respiratory Therapy Awards to students. These donations are the most contributions by TB Vets in the past 6 years, and this was only done because of your generous support.

Equipment: (\$387,700)

- **South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation:** Platinum Elite Series Body Plethysmograph / \$78,900
- **BC Women's Hospital:** Jet Ventilator / \$46,900
- **BC Children's Hospital:** Jet Ventilator / \$35,000
- **Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation:** BiPap; V69 precision flow system; Remstar CPAP PSI 60 series; KoKo Spirometer / \$24,000
- **Royal Columbia Hospital:** Jet Ventilator / \$ 41,700
- **Royal Inland Hospital Foundation:** Infant Flow SiPAD Ventilator / \$25,000
- **Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Health Foundation:** GlideScope AVL video Laryngoscope / \$13,700
- **Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation:** BIPAP Ventilator / \$25,000

Research: (\$50,000)

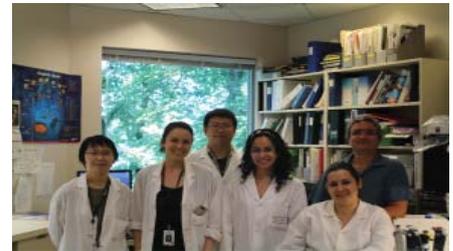
- **VGH & UBC:** Yearly Research / \$50,000 (per year for four years)

Bursary: (\$12,500)

- **Thompson Rivers University:** Yearly Bursaries: \$12,500 (per year for five years)

Treatment: (\$35,000)

- **VGH:** Activity worker for patients in the TB ward / \$35,000 (per year for three years)



Dr. Yossef Av-Gay and his research team in the research lab



2012 recipients of TB Vet's Bursaries.



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An Activity Worker Improving the Lives of British Columbians with TB

TB is an extremely contagious disease; it normally affects but lungs, but it can also distress other parts of your body. Nearly 300 people are diagnosed with TB in British Columbia each year. VGH has a Tuberculosis Unit; the only one in the whole province. In this unit, they keep the sickest TB patients that can't be treated as outpatients, some of them are not able to self-isolate. The unit is always full as they admit new patients every week.

Most of the patients are a threat to the general population, but they can't keep them there against their will. Unfortunately, sometimes some of them leave before they finish their treatment, which can last several months. The main reason for them to leave is boredom.



Staff in the TB Ward at VGH

The doctors and nurses are too busy to organize social activities for the patients; so for the first time in history, TB VETS will be funding one Activity Worker for this unit to help improve the life of patients. This person will be in charge of organizing multiples activities for the patients, to keep them busy and stimulated; and to ensure that they complete their treatment.

Your support can help a child breathe easier.

Leave a Legacy of your own!



- Contribute to fund respiratory disease research & education
- Provide life-saving equipment to BC Hospitals
- Provide employment for people with disabilities



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An interview with Duane Wong from the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at BCCH

“Our team is fully convinced that the JET ventilator saved this patient’s life!”

Duane Wong is a Clinical Site Coordinator at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at BC Children’s Hospital. He is also an alumni and instructor of Thompson Rivers University Respiratory Program. We had the pleasure to interview him after TB Vets donated a Jet Ventilator to the BC Children’s Hospital.

How has TB Vets latest Grant Award helped BC Children’s Hospital Pediatric ICU?

Our latest grant award has been able to go towards the purchase of a JET ventilator. This specialized piece of equipment will enable BCCH to provide children with an alternative respiratory treatment in order to avoid more invasive types of procedures (ex. ECLS).

How important is a Jet Ventilator in treating children with respiratory ailments?

In the past, BCCH has been able to avoid more costly and invasive procedures due to the JET ventilator. This form of ventilation is much gentler for patients with severe respiratory illnesses.

Can you tell us a story where the Jet Ventilator helped a patient?

A 4 year old boy admitted post near drowning. He was found unresponsive at the scene and CPR was performed by the grandma. Upon arrival at Lion’s Gate Hospital the patient had arrest several times and brought back to life. He was immediately transported to BCCH for further treatment. The patient had severe respiratory compromise and was placed on several different forms of ventilating strategies in order to keep him alive. Shortly after, the patient was placed on the JET ventilator and avoided ECLS treatment. He was maintained on the JET ventilator for 6 days, then extubated. Our team is fully convinced that the JET ventilator saved this patient’s life!

Is the Jet ventilator only used in life threatening situations?

The JET ventilator can be used in a variety of patient situations. It is gentle enough to ventilate the smallest babies (400g) and can handle patient up to 24kg. The JET ventilator has truly made a difference to the care of our children in BC.

As you know, TB Vets has committed to award yearly Bursary grants to the Respiratory Therapist program at Thomson Rivers University for the next five years. How important is this for the upcoming Respiratory Therapists?

The generosity of TB Vets to the TRU Respiratory Therapy Program has been seen as an investment into the respiratory care for BC residents. This investment has proven to bring out the best in our students; setting personal goals to achieve this prestigious grant and their work be recognized. It is seen as an honour to receive this award and all recipients, thus far, have been very deserving.



Neil Mackie (TB Vets Executive Director); Ashleigh Gulkiewich (BCCHF); Nicky Lategan (BCCH); Allan Magleo (BCCH); Kandys Merola (TB Vets Chair); Gloria Cameron (BCCHF).

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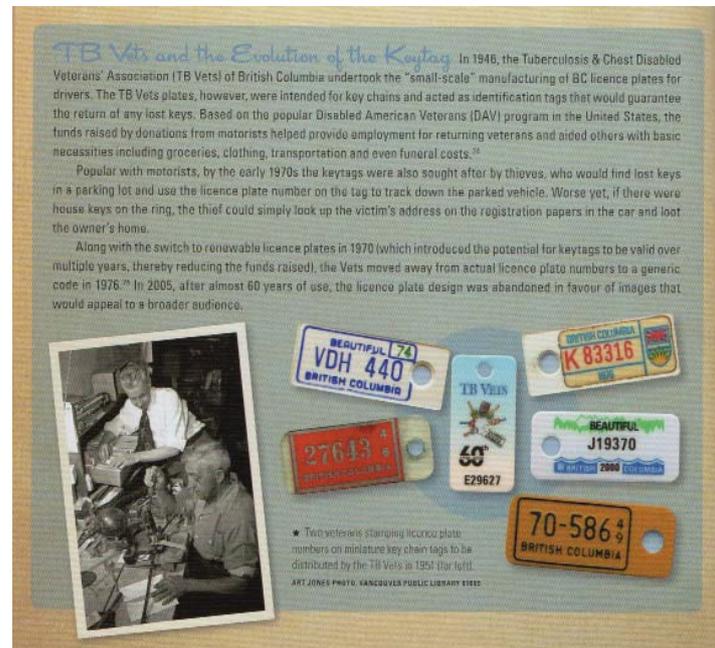
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“Tales from the Back Bumper”

Historian and author, Christopher Garrish compiled a century of BC License plates stories in his book “Tales from the Back Bumper”. In his book you can see photos and read interesting stories of how the licences plates have evolved.

The author uses the license plate as a mirror of time and places. As well, the book has a great design, which makes its fun to read. In his book he mentions the Veterans license plate that was created to commemorate our soldiers and how it makes a big difference to our Veterans.

He also tells the story of TB VETS and the evolution of the keytag. Back in the day, our key tags were miniature license plates, but in 1976 we switched to a generic code, which helps keep the donors information private.



Partnerships

Another way TB Vets is raising funds is partnering with other groups and foundations and promoting them by creating their own personal key tag and utilizing our expertise with the key tag return business model. This has already been a success with our partner for the past seven years, the BC/Yukon Command Legion Foundation. Last year for the first time the Legion did a summer mailing campaign. It was unusual and a bit of a risk to do a mailing in the summer but when it was all said and done we raised the second most amount of money in our seven year partnership. This is what we plan to present to other foundations with the goal of raising awareness and money for both of our organizations.



Upcoming Events around the World!

- Course: Advanced Tuberculosis Diagnostic Research. 8 July 2013. Montreal, Canada
- 44th Union World Conference on Lung Health. Theme: Shared air, safe air? 30 October 2013. Paris
- Tuberculosis Symposium. June 13 - 14, 2013. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- TB programme review in Tajikistan. 8-20 July. Tajikistan
- 18th International Training Course on Tuberculosis Control. 14-21 August. Tartu, Estonia
- European Respiratory Society Annual Congress. 7-11 September. Barcelona, Spain
- TB and MDR/TB programme evaluation. 16-20 September. Tomsk, Russian Federation
- European advance course in clinical tuberculosis. 23-25 September. Helsinki, Finland

ARE THESE YOUR KEYS?



If they are, and if you attached the 2013 TB Vets key tag we sent you, chances are you'll get them back! If you did not receive the set of personal keytags we sent earlier this year, please visit our website www.tbvets.org or call 604-874-5626 ext. 100 to order a new set. They will be sent out immediately and **you can conveniently make a donation so at the same time.** If you did receive them and still wish to make a donation, you may do so at the number or website above or fill in the form below.

Words cannot express our appreciation and how much every dollar means so I invite you to visit our website and see firsthand how your donation truly helps our community. Chances are you know someone who suffers from a respiratory disease, because over 20% of the 4.4 million BC residents suffer from illnesses such as TB, asthma, COPD and pulmonary fibrosis to name a few. **We count on your donation.**



For 67 years, through our original key tag fundraising program, we have given more than \$10,000,000 to over a hundred different institutions throughout all of British Columbia for respiratory treatment, research and bursaries. We are proud to say we have accomplished this strictly with your donations as we do not receive any government funding, so please donate now.

All of our successes, past and present, are the result of your gifts and we would like to thank you on behalf of TB Vets and the residents of BC who have benefited from your generosity.

YES! I WANT TO HELP BC BREATHE.

Option 1: Here is my single gift of: \$35 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____CDN

Option 2: I wish to join the **KeyTag Club** (see reverse) the TB Vets pre-authorized monthly giving program. **Monthly** Donation:

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