

## **G&F FINANCIAL GROUP RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILDREN**

*G&F employees and members raise \$26,000 for BC Children's Hospital Foundation*

**Burnaby, BC** – On Sunday, June 2, G&F Financial Group presented a cheque for \$26,000 to BC Children's Hospital Foundation (BCCHF) during their Miracle Weekend event.

As a result of the 2019 fundraising campaign, BCCHF was able to raise over \$21 million to help purchase life-saving equipment, conduct research into the treatment and prevention of childhood diseases and support educational programs across the province of BC.

This year, participating BC credit unions, including G&F Financial Group, dedicated their fundraising towards the purchase of a flexible neuro-endoscope and a surgical laser. The neuro-endoscope helps neurosurgeons diagnose and treat diseases such as brain cancer without needing to perform invasive surgery. The surgical laser is essential for treating birthmarks in a safe and quick manner. Without treatment, children can suffer from complications from large, disfiguring birthmarks. BC Children's Hospital is the only facility in the Province of British Columbia that specializes in treating complex birthmarks and is in need of a new laser.

G&F employees raised funds for BCCHF through a variety of events, including 50/50 draws, Jeans Day, music trivia, sports jersey draws, Bingo games, and by selling Purdy's chocolates. "Superhero" employees in each corporate department and branch put extra effort into encouraging their co-workers to participate in the fundraising activities. G&F's fundraising efforts were led by Lesley Lamb (Senior Manager, IT Solutions) and Jesse Nakatsuru (Senior Manager, Business Transformation).

*"G&F is proud to support BC Children's Hospital Foundation," say Bill Kiss and Jeff Shewfelt, Co-CEOs of G&F Financial Group. "We were pleased to partner with fellow credit unions to purchase surgical equipment and we are grateful for the opportunity to do our small part for BC Children's Hospital. We acknowledge the world-class care the hospital staff give every single day to children who are faced with challenges so early in life."*

G&F employees and members have supported BCCHF for over 18 years, fundraising and donating a cumulative total of \$326,000.



*G&F employees presenting a cheque for \$26,000 to BCCHF*

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