

# Your Impact: Building Life-Saving Cardiac Care 2023-2024



## Cardiac Catheterization Labs and Interventional Radiology Expansion Update

With the support of generous **donors like you**, Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) is opening two brand new Cardiac Catheterization Labs (Cath Labs) – a specialized area where cardiac specialists perform minimally invasive tests and advanced life-saving cardiac procedures, **allowing residents south of the Fraser to be treated in their own community.**

Equipped with state-of-the-art imaging technology, the labs will be used to view arteries and check blood flow to-and-from the heart. They will be equipped with an image intensifier or flat panel detector, viewing monitors, an injector pump, angioplasty balloons, an X-ray image intensifier for fluoroscopic imaging, and a single X-ray generator source.

In 2023, we began with the ambitious goal of raising \$10 million. **We have \$1 million left to raise to reach our goal by March 2025!**

**Nowhere in BC will the burden of heart disease be felt more acutely than in the Fraser Health region.**

**Surrey is projected to become BC's largest city by 2029.**

Surrey's growing aging population **will be the largest amongst all health authorities in the province.**

Our region is expected to have one of the largest population of South Asian residents in North America, studies show people of South Asian descent have **four times the risk of heart disease.**

Given these factors, it is essential that SMH be able to provide quicker access to urgent cardiac interventions and deliver life-saving cardiac treatments right here, close to home.



## Key Milestones

Together, we're reaching noteworthy milestones and enabling work that includes:



### SMH Critical Care Tower 3rd Floor

IC-IR Interventional Suites

- Design development phase complete.
- Finalizing early procurement.
- Completion and occupancy scheduled for late Fall 2025.



### Clinical Operations

- Location renovations are underway.
- Recruitment is underway.
- Sponsorship completed for Cardiovascular Technologist.
- Orientation pathways for nurses have been developed.
- Department workflows have been drafted.
- Vendor selection in review process.
- Cath Lab nursing positions are ready for posting.

# Thank You to Our Lead Cardiac Care Donors

Thank you to our two leading donors who have helped us bring two brand new Cardiac Catheterization Labs to SMH: **the Godwin family and community of listeners from RED FM.**

**The Godwin Family:** We are deeply grateful to Elaine and the Godwin family for their generous gift of \$3 million supporting the new Cardiac Cath Labs at SMH in honour of the late Dr. Tom Godwin. This remarkable contribution not only advances cardiac care in our region but also reflects the passion and dedication Dr. Godwin devoted to his patients and his work at Fraser Health. His legacy of compassion and excellence continues to inspire us all. This gift is a powerful tribute to the profound impact one individual and one family can have on providing life saving care on the future of heart health.

**RED FM – 2023 Gurpurab Radiothon:** Thanks to the generosity of community of listeners, volunteers, donors, and incredible leadership of 93.1 RED FM, we are proud to announce a record-breaking \$1,000,013.13 raised during the 2023 Gurpurab Radiothon. This marks the most successful one-day radiothon to date for RED FM. The funding of the new Cardiac Cath Labs at SMH would not have been possible without the collective support and dedication of everyone involved. We are deeply grateful to all who contributed, helping to shape the future of cardiac care in our community.



*“We are deeply grateful for your generosity in making our new Cath Labs a reality. We know that patients recover better when they are cared for close to home—where they feel the support of family, friends, and their community. Having access to life-saving cardiac interventions at Surrey Memorial Hospital not only means quicker treatment, it will significantly reduce stress and fear for patients during an incredibly vulnerable time. Thanks to your incredible support, we can offer this critical care to our community and in our community, ensuring that recovery is faster, safer, and more comfortable. Thank you for making such a lasting impact on the lives of so many.”*



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