



ANNUAL REPORT 22/23



PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY

GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY - 908 BURRILL ROAD
GALIANO ISLAND, BC



AGENDA

APRIL 30TH, 2023

GALIANO COMMUNITY HALL 1:00PM

1. Introduction

1. Call to Order

1.1a Guest Speakers:

Dr. Anik Mommsen-Smith & Dr. Andre Touchburn

1.2 Approve Agenda

1.3 Approve minutes of the last meeting

2. Executive Reports

2.1 President's Report- Liz Whynot

2.2 Treasurer's Report – Deborah Dunn-Roy and Linda Ruedrich
(Financial Statements & Financial Review appointment)

2.3 Executive Director/Manager Report- Linda Ruedrich

2.3a Director of Operations Report – Lindsay Williams

2.3b Community Wellness Report- Nancy McPhee

2.4 Approval of Executive Reports

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Fundraising Report

4. Nominations

4.1 Nominations report and election

4.2 Elections – Liz Whynot

5. New Business

6. Adjournment of Business Meeting

2022 AGM MINUTES

May 1, 2022 • 1:00pm

Galiano South Hall / Zoom

1. Introduction

Kendall, Board President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 19 people in attendance including Board members and prospective Board members; also 45 members on Zoom.

1.1 Call To OrderKendall Kyle

1.1a Guest Speaker: Eva Wilson

1.2 **MOTION** to approve the agenda. Moved by Louise Bentley; Seconded by Kim Kucille. All in favour.

1.3 **MOTION** to approve and adopt the 2021 AGM minutes. Moved by Jim Schmidt; Seconded by Brian Russell. All in favour.

2. Executive Reports

2.1 President's Report ·see written report provided re 2021

2.2 Treasurer's Report ·see written report provided

MOTION by Sydney Massie, Treasurer, to adopt the financial statement of 2021.

Seconded by Jim Schmidt. All in favour.

MOTION by Sydney to appoint the firm of Paterson Henn Accountants to prepare the Financial Statements for 2022. Seconded by Mike Hoebel. All in favour.

2.3 Executive Director Report - Linda Ruedrich ·see written report provided re 2021

2.3a Director of Operations Report - Lindsay Williams ·see written report provided re 2021

2.3b Community Wellness Report - Nancy McPhee ·see written report provided re 2021

2.4 Approval of Executive Reports

MOTION to approve and adopt all Executive Reports. Moved by Lori Seay;

Seconded by Diane Matson. All in favour.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Fundraising Updates - Oleann Rockafella ·see written report provided re 2021

4. Nominations and Elections - presented and facilitated by Mike Hoebel.

4.1 Mike asked for nominations from the floor 3x as required. No Nominations.

Current Board:

Louise Bentley - Director

Wade Chernoff - Director (Not continuing)

Judy Garland - Director

Michael Hoebel - Director (Terms Completed)

Kimberly Kucille - Director

Kendall Kyle - President (Terms Completed)

Sydney Massie - Treasurer (Terms Completed)

Oleann Rockafella - Director (Not continuing)

Jim Schmidt - Director

Dave Simon - Director

Martin Swan - Director (Not continuing)

Liz Whynot - Current Vice-President

Christine Wilson - Secretary (Terms Completed)

Nominees for 2022/2023 Board:

Deborah Dunn-Roy

Jeannine Georgeson

Kate Hughes

Fruzsina Pataky

Gary Rosnick

Cindy Weisbart

5. New Business

5.1 Vote on Special Resolution: "Be it resolved as a special resolution the the Galiano Health Care Society amend its bylaws to allow for elected Directors to serve up to 3 terms of 2 years each."
All in favour.

6. Adjournment of Business Meeting

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 2:15pm. Moved by Sydney Massie; Seconded by Helen Russell. All in favour.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I acknowledge that the Galiano Health Care Centre operates within the shared, asserted, and unceded traditional territories of Penelakut, Lamalcha, and Hwlitsum First Nations, as well as the shared, asserted, and ceded traditional territories of Tsawwassen First Nation and other Hul'qumi'num speaking peoples, on whose land we are guests and to whom we are grateful.

I am honoured to report on a year of extraordinary work and accomplishment by the staff of the Galiano Health Centre, the Board and volunteers who over and over again have stepped up to the challenge of developing, providing and sustaining health services for Galiano residents.

This year we have:

- confirmed Island Health commitment to funding 1.5 doctor positions (recently increased to 1.7) and confirmed the recruitment of 2 additional family practitioners to share the positions.
- achieved a stronger working relationship with Island Health resulting in commitment to provide funding for overhead expenses to support our physicians and nurse practitioner...a work in progress for sure but we have seen some of the money.
- completed a 5 year strategic plan to continue on the journey towards the vision of the founders of the society, i.e. "Everyone on Galiano has access to comprehensive and culturally safe healthcare services."
- completed very successful fund raising events such as the annual raffle, the Plant Sale, Golf Tournament and the Polar Brrr swim, all in spite of the challenges presented at the end of the pandemic. Kudos and thanks to our fund raising volunteers, who have worked creatively and tirelessly, many for decades, to support the health centre
- fostered the development of a working partnership with health societies on Mayne, Pender and Saturna, which improves our capacity to work with the health authority and government

The GHCS continues to be served extremely well by our clinic team. I want to particularly recognize and offer the thanks of the Board for the extraordinary work of our leadership staff, Linda Ruedrich and Lindsay Williams, for our team of Medical Office Assistants and for our home care nurse, Andrea Hamilton. And special thanks to Dr. Erin Carlson who has served the community for almost 10 years, and to Nurse Practitioner, Lee-Ann Jespersen who has been caring for clinic patients for 2 years. We know we are lucky to have you all, and to welcome Drs Anil Mommsen Smith and Andre Touchburn to the team.

The Galiano Health Care Centre is unique. First, it is a "Community Health Centre" in the truest sense: developed and sustained by countless hours and tireless work by community members and staff. The Galiano community has continually stepped up over the decades with donations of the time, expertise and money needed to develop and maintain the space, resources and staff of the health centre. And the community is keenly interested in how it functions, what it should provide, all aspects of care.

Our Health Centre is a "Rural and Remote" health clinic, without the basics that most doctors and nurse practitioners expect: no quick access to diagnostic services (blood work, X-rays, CT, etc.), no nursing support for urgent cases, and no road access to a hospital with an emergency department. The practitioners must not only manage the routine primary care needs of registered patients but also respond during their scheduled or on-call time to the urgent needs of anyone on Galiano Island. Given these challenges I believe we are extraordinarily lucky in our practitioners.

Although we have made important gains in the past 2 years towards our vision: "Everyone on Galiano has access to comprehensive and culturally safe healthcare services", we have a lot more work to do to stabilize and broaden the capacity of the clinical team. In the coming year, we will be focusing our advocacy and fundraising efforts on achieving support for nursing services, increasing our mental health and addictions resources and improving our awareness and skill in delivering culturally safe and appropriate care. We look forward to working with the Galiano Community in achieving all of this and more.

Submitted by Liz Whynot
Chair, GHCS Board of Directors

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Audited Financial Statements are included in the Annual Meeting Materials.

The Statements confirm the excellent work done by Executive Director, Linda Ruedrich, and the entire team at the Health Centre to manage the various funding sources and associated cost centres required to operate the Health Centre and its services. Without Linda's tireless negotiations and submissions to our funders, the Galiano Health Care Society and the programs that operate in our clinic would be in an untenable and unsustainable financial position. Associate Executive Director, Lindsay Williams, reminds me of a highly trained sniffer dog when it comes to finding grants and new funding sources. Clinic staff and clinicians deserve recognition for careful stewardship of every hard won dollar.

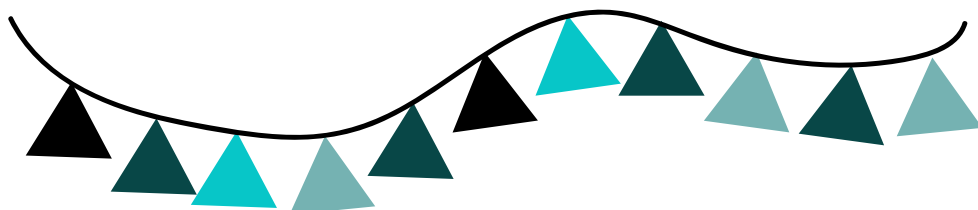
The programmatic approach and lack of any global funding often results in anxious moments while awaiting funding confirmation or negotiating appropriate reimbursement for the services that are provided to the Galiano community. The tension was heightened even further this year following the announcement that the funding model for General Practitioners in BC would change. This significantly impacted contract arrangements with our valued practitioners while the new processes and associated cash flow were worked out.

The Statements also show the importance of the community's support for the Fundraising Committee's initiatives and the volunteers who undertook activities such as the Polar Bear Swim, Golf Tournament, Whisky Tasting, Plant Sale and Raffle. The Galiano Health Care Society continues to require in excess of \$40,000 a year from the community in order to meet its mandate and the operating budget for the Clinic. Community members are encouraged to support our membership drive and the various fundraising activities held throughout the year. Individuals are also asked to please consider planned giving and bequests to the GHCS to help ensure the continuation of a viable health care centre and essential programs for Galiano residents and visitors.

I move the following two items:

- Adoption of the 2022 Annual Financial Statements
- Appointment of Paterson Henn Accountants to prepare the Financial Statements for 2023.

Deborah Dunn-Roy
GHCS Treasurer



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY

Financial Information

Year Ended December 31, 2022



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CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

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COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Galiano Health Care Society

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Galiano Health Care Society as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Paterson Henn CPA

Sidney, British Columbia
April 11, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants

GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 328,077	\$ 297,610
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	5,477	5,476
Accounts receivable	32,426	15,313
	<u>365,980</u>	<u>318,399</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	<u>943,606</u>	<u>982,886</u>
	<u>\$ 1,309,586</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,285</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$ 150
Current portion of long term debt	8,327	8,043
	<u>8,327</u>	<u>8,193</u>
LONG TERM DEBT	<u>297,432</u>	<u>307,457</u>
DEFERRED REVENUE	<u>121,665</u>	<u>89,700</u>
	<u>427,424</u>	<u>405,350</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>882,162</u>	<u>895,935</u>
	<u>\$ 1,309,586</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,285</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director
 _____ Director



GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
REVENUES		
Administrative Fee fund	\$ 22,715	\$ 60,378
Better at Home program	65,462	60,356
CIG Community Initiative funding	7,551	7,839
Grants	4,820	9,748
CRD tax income	119,814	114,109
Dental clinic income	82,735	98,541
Dental hygiene clinic income	23,696	29,523
Donations and bequests	73,522	49,158
First Call Nurse funding	22,674	38,538
Fundraising income	43,904	30,996
Government grants	-	360
Medical clinic income	2,251	2,473
Membership fees	4,301	5,357
Nurse Practitioner Income	48,476	45,845
Physician turn key Income	53,250	32,580
Rental income	37,311	44,376
VIHA clinic support income	35,703	22,037
GST rebate	4,844	(4,513)
	653,029	647,701
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	3,491	3,115
Bank charges and interest	12,450	15,891
Buildings and grounds expense	51,786	57,879
COVID operating supports	388	6,823
Community Intitatives	9,908	30,439
Dental clinic expenses	84,852	96,655
Dental hygiene clinic expenses	15,189	19,268
First Call Nurse expense	25,193	11,538
Fundraising expenses	16,273	4,300
Insurance	13,589	12,935
Medical clinic expenses	781	710
Nurse practitioner expense	44,348	41,879
Physician turn key expenses	63,803	68,306
Professional fees	2,853	1,930
Programs and community grants	68,549	65,985
Staffing and office expenses	205,840	194,050
	619,293	631,703
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	33,736	15,998
OTHER INCOME		
Amortization	(47,509)	(46,940)
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ (13,773)	\$ (30,942)

See notes to financial information

GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General Funds	Capital Reserve	2022	2021
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 229,318	\$ 666,617	\$ 895,935	\$ 926,877
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	(13,773)	-	(13,773)	(30,942)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 215,545	\$ 666,617	\$ 882,162	\$ 895,935

GALIANO HEALTH CARE SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2022

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of Galiano Health Care Society as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended is on the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- accounts receivable less an allowance for doubtful accounts
- capital assets amortized over their useful lives
- accounts payable and accrued liabilities

2. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Galiano Health Care Society was incorporated in the Province of British Columbia on January 10, 1985. The Society is a charitable organization with the Canada Revenue Agency and is tax-exempt under the Income Tax Act.

The Society maintains a health care clinic and administers medical and dental services to the Galiano Island Community, as well as other health-related programs and support.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund accounting

Galiano Health Care Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

The Operating Fund reports revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities.

The Capital Fund reports revenues and expenses related to major repairs, renovations or improvements to the building. See Note .

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a declining balance basis at the following rates and methods:

Buildings	4%
Computer equipment	55%
Dental and medical equipment	20%
Office furniture and equipment	20%
Generator	20%
Helipad	8%
Parking lot	8%

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Notes to Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2022

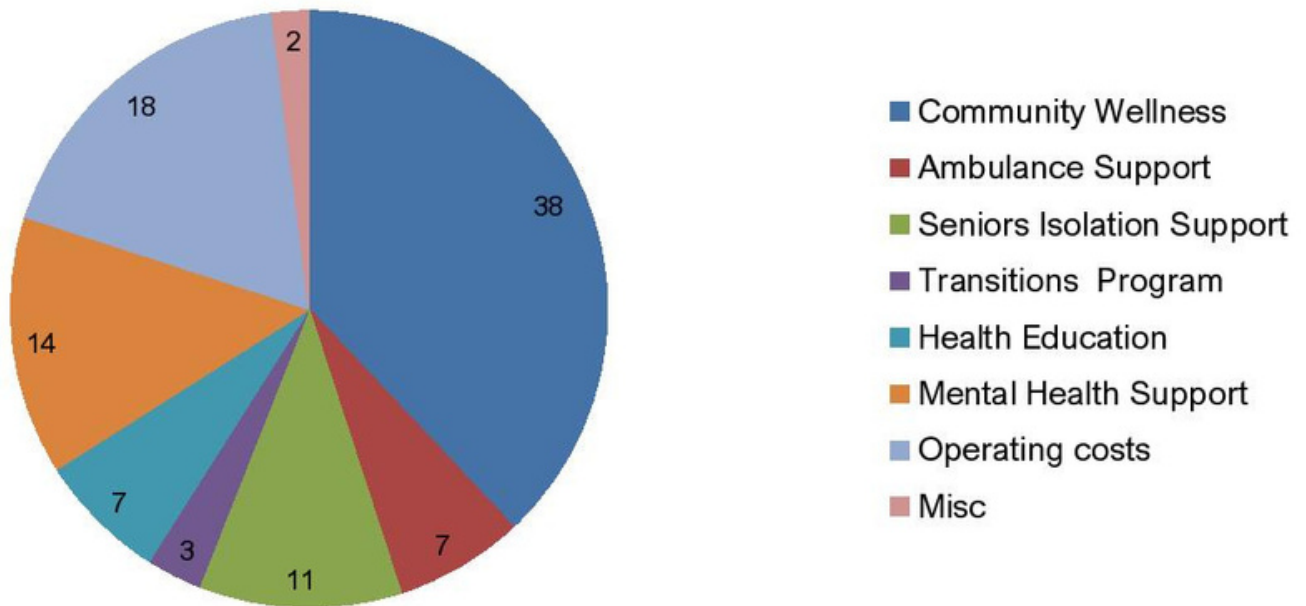
4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2022 Net book value	2021 Net book value
Land	\$ 23,000	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Buildings	1,120,346	243,078	877,268	913,821
Computer equipment	24,136	19,812	4,324	6,274
Dental and medical equipment	150,915	139,764	11,151	9,948
Office furniture and equipment	110,103	93,947	16,156	17,254
Generator	43,381	40,761	2,620	3,274
Helipad	20,215	19,303	912	1,140
Parking lot	39,283	31,108	8,175	8,175
	\$ 1,531,379	\$ 587,773	\$ 943,606	\$ 982,886

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED

Funds are held in a separate cash, term deposits or other cash equivalent investments that are considered restricted for future projects.

2022 GHCS Fundraising Income Expenditure

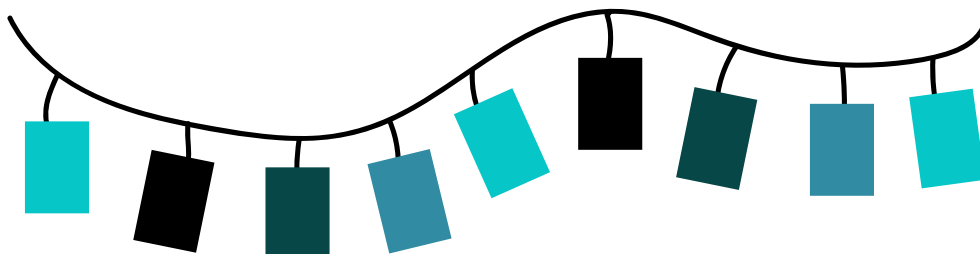


Total Fundraising income 2023 - \$43,905.00

- Polar Brr Swim - \$15,294.00
- Raffle - \$2,228.00
- Plant Sale – \$12,156.00
- Scotch Tasting – \$3,160.00
- Golf Tournament - \$3,720.00
- Octoberfest - \$2,560.00
- Deferred Polar Brr 2021- \$4,787.00

Total Fundraising Expenses 2023 - \$6250.00

Net Fundraising Income 2023- \$37,655.00



SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WHEN IS AN ISLAND NOT JUST AN ISLAND?

The last year has many opportunities to connect with all the other rural and remote islands up and down the coast, landlocked, lake country, the Kootenays and beyond, to talk about what we all have in common in our communities as we try to provide and facilitate health care and allied care services. The good news is that we should have done this along time ago, but the pandemic taught us all how to use and accept Zoom and so we eagerly connect and share stories, resource ideas and innovative solutions to surviving a health care system in dire need of a rethink and new ideas. Our health care society is a member of the BC Association of Community Health Centres, and a member of the Canadian Association of Community health centres, and through this association we have received grant funding for the First Call nurse who assists us on weekends, for Covid support when the pandemic hit and mental health supports for islanders. We hope that this type of collaboration will help us end the "only for you" funding that has been traditional throughout health authorities, and will lead to more transparent and equitable allocation of resources, especially to rural and remote locations such as ours. We are all empowered, including those supportive folks we work closely with at our local health authorities, with shared knowledge and statistics. As well, our work this year with our southern sister gulf island health societies will eventually lead to a better service delivery model that can take the ups and down of health care reality: fewer physicians available and many not ready to commit full time to rural life, housing for staff and other medical and allied professionals, transportation between islands for service delivery, and shared primary care professionals that cut down waiting lists and make sure we can attach everyone who wants a primary practitioner where they live. So that is why an island is not just an island, it is a place that has so much in common with many rural places where people work and play, and need predictable and quality health and wellness care.

Membership is the core of a non-profit society. If you have been involved with the health care society for a long time, you likely know this, and continue to support us yearly with your annual dues. With the influx of a more urban population over the last 5 years, and the inevitable march of time for all of us who are aging on this island, we are going to do a refresh of membership as a focus for 2023. Membership is the real tangible numbers we can point to and get information from when we need to advocate with government bodies or get statistics that support more services or to keep existing services. It is unusual for people who have lived in an urban setting for most of their lives to think of Health Care, the universal stuff we all think will be there anytime we need or want it, is something you need to support and fight for, to keep and enhance. Education and visibility will be our approach to try and entice new members to the society, strengthening our support base locally, as have been working to strengthen our support and clout regionally with our inter community connections.

One of the very best things about working for the health care society, is the interesting and talented people you get to work with, as staff members, medical care providers, board members and other volunteers. I am proud that we are a progressive employer, that cares about the people who work here and want to make their working lives a positive experience. Because of this, we have been rewarded employment longevity across all departments and jobs, people stay here and continue to contribute for a long time. This in turn means more consistent service and program offerings, a knowledgeable and knowing experience of health and wellness care. I would like to thank all the staff and practitioners for the exceptional work they do at the health care centre.

Linda Ruedrich
Senior Executive Director/CFO

OPERATIONS REPORT

CELEBRATING GRANTS, GROWTH, AND GRATITUDE

This past year has been a river with rapids. Although we still don't know where the upcoming bends are or where turbulence may come, we're learning how to navigate it better keep afloat.

Grants are a huge part of what makes the GHCS tick. Without grants, we would not be able to fund programs or employ some key people who are working hard to make Galiano a healthier, better place to live. Grant applications are full of challenges, financial puzzles, and lots of wordsmithing. In the first four months of 2023 alone we have applied for 10 grants to enhance services at the clinic, have already been awarded 4 and are awaiting decisions on the rest. These include grants for a Youth initiative, food security for seniors, community research for the GHCS Truth & Reconciliation plan, and some "green" building upgrades including solar panels. We are so grateful to the United Way of BC, Island Health, the Government of Canada, and the BC Centre for Palliative Care for what we have been awarded thus far. We are very excited to begin our new initiatives, and have many fingers crossed for the other 6 proposals. We hope that they say "I do!"

Through a grant from the Victoria Foundation last year, we hired a Mental Health & Wellness Outreach worker on a one year contract. Andrew Simmons is a Registered Social Worker and a highly skilled professional who has immersed himself in the community without reservations. He jumped right in and has already helped so many people. We hope to continue this role with new grants. Andrew will be facilitating our Youth Initiative over the spring and summer.

This year has been fruitful for Allied Practitioner services as well. We currently have a Registered Massage Therapist, Chiropractor, Physiotherapist, Foot Care Nurse, and Naturopathic Doctor who regularly use the clinic to treat clients. Through the next few months we expect to welcome a Registered Counsellor, Kinesiologist, and Acupuncturist. These practitioners are completely independent, but their rental of space and provision of services here on Galiano is a wonderful partnership.

While the renovation and expansion of the clinic in 2019 gave us a great deal more space, we are already running out of room. While at times stressful, I see this as a positive thing. It means we're thriving. We're short on space and needing more because we have more practitioners and employees. We hope that the next year brings funding for a Registered Nurse in the clinic, and they will need space. Galiano is growing, and we are working hard to grow with it.

Thank you to our incredible staff at the centre: Jenni, Skyllar, Jessie, Erin, Nicole serve as most intrepid Medical Office Assistants and keep the front end flowing. Joy, Kristina, Dr. Onno and Maureen help us keep our Dental clinic running. Ayla and Kristina keep the centre sparkling clean. Chris, Yasemin and Kristina are out in the field helping our seniors. Nancy runs Community Wellness with much care and attention. This of course is all under Linda's watchful eye, providing navigation and insightful support to everyone. We're so grateful for our Medical team of Dr. Carlson, Lee-Ann Jespersen our NP, Dr. Mommsen-Smith, Dr. Touchburn, and Andrea Hamilton as Home & Community Care nurse. Although Dr. Carlson is leaving us in the coming months, her contributions to healthcare on Galiano will continue to be seen for years to come. Thank you for everything, Erin.

We are doing our very best to provide everyone on Galiano with healthcare. We've come so far since the clinic opened in 1991, and I'm so excited for what comes next.

Lindsay Williams
Associate Executive Director - Operations

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Community Wellness is funded by the Galiano Health Care Society. The United Way of British Columbia funds the Better at Home program, the GHSC funds the other activities of Community Wellness. It is staffed for 13 hours per week.

Last year, we came out of the lockdowns and activity reduction experienced during Covid-19. Walk and Talk, a popular activity for exercise and socialization for seniors was the program hardest hit. With the death of Jenelle Cooper, the popular Walk and Talk organizer, Covid and significant flooding to the Lions Hall, Walk and Talk has not operated for the past 3 years. It is hoped that funding can be obtained, Walk and Talk resurrected to once again offer elderly seniors a chance to walk and talk over tea, coffee and cookies.

Better at Home, a service to support seniors to stay in their own homes with housekeeping and other practical help, is thriving. Three Better at Home Service Providers, all part time staff of the GHCS, provide services to up to 27 clients. Most are partial subsidy clients. During Covid, we provided weekly frozen meal delivery. We continue this service and have just received Targeted Food Security Funds from the United Way of BC which will pay for meals to those subsidize clients who get meals on a regular basis. A savings of \$20 to \$30 per week is significant to those on a pension. Needless to say, the clients are delighted.

For socially isolated seniors, funding was found to support these people with a visit with one of our staff every two weeks. Some people are supported by family to have more. Social isolation and seniors is a significant concern here – it is not considered ‘recreation’ so funding is always a challenge.

The Transitions Group, co-led by Linde Zingaro and I, offer Advance Care Planning workshops every two months. On average there are 6 to 8 people who attend. Informal and informative, this is a must do workshop. Donations are appreciated.

Transitions also offer bereavement support to those who ask. It is a confidential service designed to be short term and is not psychotherapy. A support group ran for 8 weeks last year with 6 participants. The Transitions Group, volunteers interested in death and bereavement are discussing other ways to offer support to those who have had a family member or close friend die. Bereavement walks and an annual memorial ceremony are being discussed.

We applied for a seed grant funding from the BC Hospice and Palliative Care Association and received notice that we were successful. This money will support the development of a Home Hospice Program with volunteers. These fully trained and supervised volunteers will, working with the medical team at the GHCS, support people receiving palliative care who wish to remain at home with their families. Over the next months, policies and procedures, volunteer training manual and the training program will be offered. We have wonderful support from the Southern Vancouver Island Palliative Care and End of Life Program. We are very excited about this innovative program, a first in the smaller southern gulf islands.

Nancy McPhee

Community Wellness & Better at Home Co-ordinator



FUNDRAISING REPORT

GHCS is dependent on donations raised through fundraising to support its many programs and initiatives.

This Committee is constantly working; it has met several times in the last few months in person and on Zoom (in addition to countless emails) and has created an ambitious strategic plan for the Fundraising committee, which consists of Board members, Volunteers and very dependent on the competent help of Lindsay and Joy from the staff.

Our goal this year is to try to bring \$60,000 to the GHCS to support its many initiatives. This is an ambitious goal. Last year we raised \$33,000 through fundraising events. It was the first year for most of us on this committee and the wine festival was cancelled due to continuing Pandemic but we had many successful events including Plant Sale, summer raffle, Oktoberfest, Golf Tournament.

We started the 2023 off with a big splash; the Polar Brrr fundraising event which was really well attended and had many individuals and teams raising pledges and diving into the Salish sea. We raised 15,000 for GHCS.

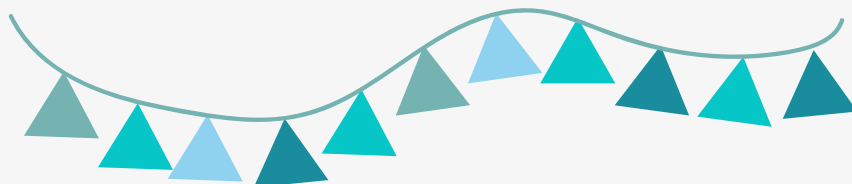
Our planned events are the Plant sale on the May long weekend, a Golf tournament in the June and the wine festival in August and several other events are in the works by our committee for the fall and winter. The Wine festival is a huge event and the Wine Festival committee has been working extremely hard for many months. We will require Board members to volunteer to assist in this event as it is all volunteer run and provides the lion's share of our fundraising budget.

In addition, we have set up the yearly raffle, with donations from Bodega North Woodworks, Galiano Septic/Gravel and Oxeye. The raffle tickets are sold at both the Saturday market and Daystar on Friday nights and we require Board members and volunteers to run the GHCS table to sell the tickets. Joy is setting up a schedule for Board members to sign up for days to ensure we have at least two people at the tables from May to the end of the summer.

In addition, the Fundraising committee has met and is creating a strategic plan to try to get more long term and sustaining donations outside of events and is looking at a variety of ways to do so. We hope to have the plan finalized this year to make fundraising a two pronged endeavor; events and long term charitable donations.

Kate Hughes
Chair of Fundraising Committee

“OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO TRY TO BRING IN \$60,000 TO THE GHCS TO SUPPORT ITS MANY INITIATIVES.”



GHCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are so grateful for the time and energy of our Board of Directors.

CURRENT BOARD

LOUISE BENTLEY - SECRETARY
DEBORAH DUNN-ROY - TREASURER
JUDY GARLAND - DIRECTOR
JEANNINE GEORGESON - DIRECTOR
KATE HUGHES - DIRECTOR
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