Burnaby HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY Foundation

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Stan and Jeannette Hrescak have been married for 70 years. Ask them the secret to a long and happy life together, and their answer is always the same: *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."*

It is a simple philosophy, and over seven decades, it has guided how they have raised their family, built their lives, and given back to the community they love.

Today, that spirit of generosity has inspired Stan and Jeannette to make a remarkable commitment to Burnaby Hospital. **They have generously pledged a $700,000 matching gift to help fund a new Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS).** They are matching every donation, dollar for dollar, up to $700,000 to ensure that our hospital and community have access to this advanced technology and patients receive the modern care they deserve.

Stan and Jeannette's connection to Burnaby Hospital is deeply personal.

Many years ago, Jeannette was a patient of Dr. Monkewich, a gastroenterologist whose compassion and kindness left a lasting impression on her. Over time, Dr. Monkewich became more than a trusted physician. He became a family friend.

Stan and Jeannette saw in Dr. Monkewich a person who shares their belief that we can make life better for others when we invest in what matters most. Together, they recognized the tremendous difference advanced medical technology could make for patients and families facing serious digestive disease.

That shared vision inspired their gift.

Endoscopic ultrasound combines two proven technologies to help physicians see beyond the surface of the digestive tract to diagnose complex gastrointestinal conditions with greater precision at earlier stages. For patients, it can mean faster answers, more precise diagnoses, earlier treatment, and improved outcomes.

For the Hrescaks, the importance of this care has touched close to home. Members of their family have faced life-altering digestive health challenges and understand firsthand how profoundly these illnesses can affect a person's life.

That is why they chose to act.

That is why they invite you to join them today by making your gift to help bring this much needed EUS to Burnaby Hospital.

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When you join Stan, Jeannette, and their family this holiday season — thanks to their generosity — **your gift of any size will go twice as far** to helping transform how we detect and treat complex stomach, pancreatic, and intestinal illnesses.

It will give our dedicated physicians the ability to see beneath the tissue walls, perform precise pinpoint biopsies, and deliver life-saving treatments all in a single outpatient procedure.

Together, we can fully fund this essential EUS and help transform care for thousands of people in our community.

Please take advantage of Stan and Jeannette's matching gift by making your gift today. You'll not only double your impact, you'll ensure our patients skip months of stressful exploratory testing and get the immediate and gentle care they deserve.

There are four ways to make your tax-deductible donation; return the enclosed reply card in the postage-paid envelope, visit us at **bhfoundation.ca/direct_mail**, scan the QR code below or drop by and visit our new Foundation office in the new Health Care Pavilion.

From all of us at Burnaby Hospital & Community Foundation, thank you for your generosity and kindness this holiday season.

With gratitude and warm wishes for the coming year,



Kristy James, CFRE
President & CEO
Burnaby Hospital & Community Foundation

P.S. Every dollar you give before December 31, 2026, will be matched by Stan and Jeannette, up to $700,000, and you will receive a 2026 tax receipt.

Scan to make your Holiday Gift now to Double your Donation.