

# COMMITMENT



## ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE CHARITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## CHARITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### To Our Supporters:

UMC Charity has just completed another successful year thanks to the support from our corporate sponsors and the generosity of Unipharm members.

Our mandate has always been to help increase financial support to many vital and underfunded health related charities. Also, we prioritize those smaller charities that may be overlooked by others, supporting those who mirror our community- oriented focus. As a Charity, we are committed to aligning with non-profit partners that can make a significant impact without large bureaucracies and high administration costs.

This past year (year ending January 31st, 2025) we received many requests from our on-line donation program. We disbursed \$10,000 to charities that met our criteria.

The donation matching program we offered in 2024 to our members enabled us to match a total of \$27,865 – slightly down from 2023 (\$27,950). Through this initiative, we matched 28 charities - down slightly from 2023 (37). Please see page 4 for details. The Charity Board of Directors can't stress enough to take advantage of this program – the charities you support in your community will be matched by UMC Charity. You can support many charities - it doesn't have to be just one. By doing so, you are doubling your donation, support, and visibility in your communities.

We feel the charity matching program initiative is an opportunity for your store to make a huge impact in your own community. Especially if you are supporting smaller registered charities in your area. They receive twice as much!

At this point in our existence, one of our major sources of funding comes directly from you – our members and your stores. The charity board appreciates the stores' generosity who participate in our monthly donation program. We now rely even more so on the \$50 monthly store donations to ensure the survival of the donation matching funds program for our members. In 2024, we increased the amount to \$18,360 (2023 was \$16,560) and number of stores that joined was 30, up from 27 stores the previous year.

***If you have not already done so, please consider signing up - email Teresa at [teresab@unipharm.com](mailto:teresab@unipharm.com) and she can set you up for this initiative.*** You will receive a registered charity receipt from UMC Charity for this donation which can be used for tax purposes. Also, for those stores that participate in the \$50 per month program, it gives you the ability to donation match up to \$1500. The donation matching amount for those who do not participate in the \$50 per month initiative, is now \$500. That is an extra \$1000 we will match to your charity in your community if you join that initiative.

The other major source of funding income comes from the Annual Unipharm Spring Convention's silent and live auction event with the net proceeds raised are donated to UMC Charity. For our 2024 event- the charity received \$45,400 from Unipharm! This is slightly down from 2023 (\$45,660).

We are very close to reaching the one-million-dollar mark for funds raised – hopefully next year! You, our donors, deserve a pat on the back for this huge achievement.

On behalf of the UMC Charity Board members, thank you for your continued support and commitment to UMC Charity. Without you, we could not have attained our success.

Regards,

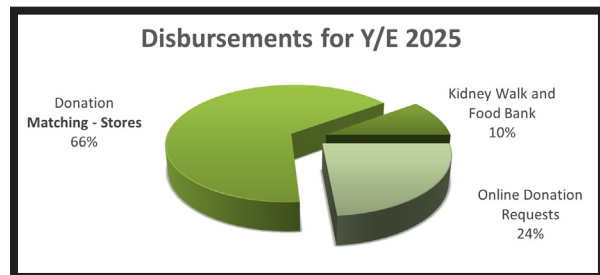
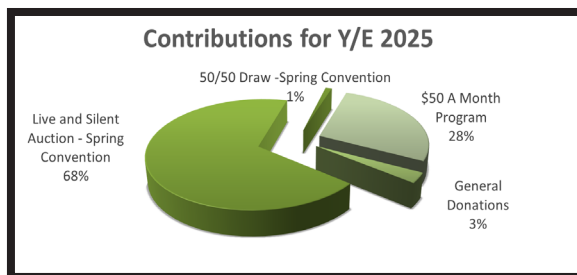
Ray Gaucher, President

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025

### DONATIONS RECEIVED

	2025	2024
On-line, Silent and Live Auctions	\$45,400	\$45,660
\$50 Per Month Donations from Shareholders	18,360	16,560
General Donations	2,025	3,155
50/50 Draw - Spring Convention	700	1,195
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,485</b>	<b>\$66,570</b>



### EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

	2025	2024
Donation matching on behalf of stores	\$27,865	\$27,950
On-line donation requests	10,000	10,000
Kidney Foundation - Walk	2,500	2,500
Richmond Food Bank	1,760	1,650
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>42,125</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
Expenses - professional fees, advertising & printing	674	91
Excess revenue over expenses	23,686	24,379
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$66,485</b>	<b>\$66,570</b>

## IN 2024 WE SUPPORTED:

***Through donation matching, \$27,865 was disbursed to the following registered Canadian charities:***

Abbotsford Hospice Society  
Abilitas Foundation  
BC Children's Hospital  
Broadway Community of Hope  
Canadian Red Cross Society  
Central Okanagan Food Bank  
Chabad Richmond  
C.O.A.C.H.  
COTS  
Dan's Legacy  
Developing World Connections  
FOCUS Canada  
Greater Vancouver Food Bank  
ICAN  
MS Canada  
Nanaimo Community Foundation  
Nanaimo Community Fund  
Pender Islands Health Care Society  
Pender Island Rec & Agricultural Hall Assoc.  
Pender Island Celtic Music Society  
Pender Islands Fire Protection Society  
Pender Island Food Bank Society  
Pender Islands Conservancy Association  
Rotary Club of Burnaby Foundation  
Ryan's Rainbow  
Sage Haven Society  
Summerland Food Bank  
The Dugout  
The Salvation Army of Canada

***Grants fulfilled from on-line requests for a total of \$10,000 disbursed to the registered Canadian charities:***

**Alzheimer Society of BC**

*Education and support for people living with the disease, their caregivers & families*

**Arrowsmith Health Care Foundation**

*Non-profit care facilities that support long term beds and assisted living*

**Children's Organ Transplant Society**

*Medical expense support*

**Langley Community Health & Hospital Foundation**

*Assist young people dealing with mental health & substance use support*

**Paws for Hope Hospital Foundation**

*Providing temporary pet care for people in crisis*

**Power To Be**

*Inclusive adventures therapy initiative*

**Surrey Urban Mission Society**

*Eye care program for the marginalized population*

**SWAN Vancouver**

*Provide targeted healthcare services to the systemically marginalized population.*

***Campaigns Supported:***

**Kidney Foundation - Walk Campaign  
Richmond Food Bank**

**THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
SUPPORTERS!**