



COMMITMENT

ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE CHARITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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To Our Supporters:

First off, on behalf of the charity board, I would like to thank our past president, Michael Millman who stepped down last year in that role but has agreed to stay on as a director. He volunteered and took on the role in the very beginning (2009) – none of us really knowing what lay ahead. With his guidance and passion, we achieved and cemented initiatives that we continue to this day. As he stated in his message last year - **he hoped more shareholders could see the importance of the work the charity was doing and join in this community of giving to strengthen our pride in both the charity and in uniPHARM.** I wholeheartedly agree and as the baton is passed on to me, the Charity Board's goal is to continue Michael's message.

UMC Charity's mandate has always been to help increase financial support to many vital and underfunded health related charities. As well, 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, 2024) 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 2023 to our shareholders enabled us to match a total of \$27,950 – slightly down from 2022 (\$28,800). Through this initiative, we matched 37 charities - up slightly from 2022 (33). 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. Let's increase this number in 2024!

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 are receiving twice as much!

At this point in our existence, one of our major sources of funding comes directly from you - our shareholders and your stores. The charity board appreciates the stores' generosity that 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 shareholders. We maintained the amount of support of \$16,560 – the same as in 2022.

If you have not already done so, please consider signing up. 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, 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. All the proceeds raised are donated to UMC charity. The event held in 2023 - the charity received from uniPHARM was \$45,660! This is up just over \$10,600 from 2022 (\$35,050).

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.

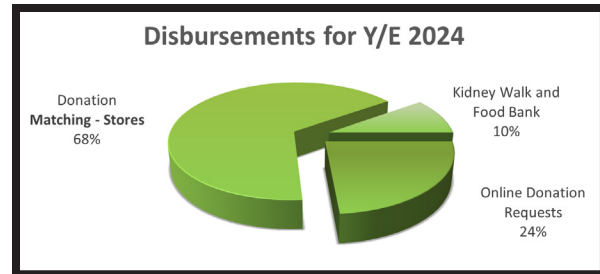
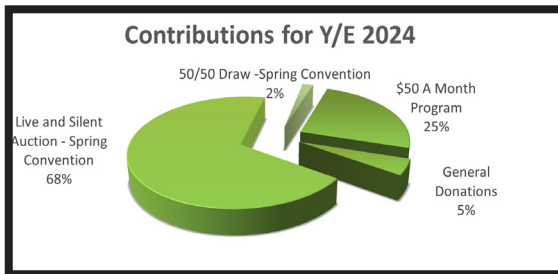
Regards,

Ray Gaucher, President

YEAR IN REVIEW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024

DONATIONS RECEIVED

	2024	2023
On-line, Silent and Live Auctions	\$45,660	\$35,050
\$50 Per Month Donations from Shareholders	16,560	16,560
General Donations	3,155	1,444
50/50 Draw - Spring Convention	1,195	920
Total	\$66,570	\$53,974



EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

	2024	2023
Donation matching on behalf of stores	\$27,950	\$28,800
On-line donation requests	10,000	9,500
Kidney Foundation - Walk	2,500	2,500
Richmond Food Bank	1,650	1,420
Total Donations	\$42,100	\$42,220
Expenses - professional fees, advertising & printing	91	993
Excess revenue over expenses	24,379	10,761
Total Donations	\$66,570	\$53,974

IN 2023 WE SUPPORTED:

Through donation matching, \$27,950 was disbursed to the following registered Canadian charities:

Abbotsford Hospice Society
Abilitas Foundation
Backpack Buddies
BC Children's Hospital Fdn - Wigs for kids
Broadway Community of Hope
Canadian Cancer Society
Canadian Red Cross
Canuck's Autism Network Society
Cariboo Chilcotin Child Development Centre
Central Okanagan Food Bank
Chabad Richmond
C.O.A.C.H.
Congregation Schara Tzedek
COTS
Critter Care
Developing World Connections
Fist Baptist Church Nanaimo
ICAN
Loaves and Fishes
Nanaimo and District Hospital Foundation
Nanaimo Child Development Centre Society
Nanaimo Community Foundation
Nanaimo Community Hospice
Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools foundation
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society
Nanaimo Science and Sustainability
PALS Autism Society
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
Ryan's Rainbow
St. Michaels
The Kehila Society of Richmond
The Salvation Army of Canada

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

Children's Organ Transplant Society
Medical Expense Support

Paws for Hope Hospital Foundation
Providing Temporary Pet Care For People In Crisis

Power To Be
Inclusive Adventures Therapy Initiative

Soap for Hope
Essential Hygiene Amenities For The Vulnerable

Stigma Free Society
Inclusive Schools Initiative

SWAN Vancouver
Provide targeted services to the systemically marginalized population.

The Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention
Youth in Crisis Intervention & Suicide Preventions Initiative

Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society
Transportation for Cancer Patients

Campaigns Supported:

Kidney Foundation – *Walk Campaign*
Richmond Food Bank

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