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"RCH gave me a second chance at life. To love, be loved, and to live.. they helped make that possible." - Jason Kellar with girlfriend Kim Feragen), brain injury patient who suffered three skull fractures after falling 25 feet from the

top of an escalator.

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"According to the Canadian Neonatal Network, the outcome for

best ones in Canada. I believe these excellent results are due to

the dedication of each member of the team, who demonstrate

pride and love for each infant and family." - Dr. John van

Aerde, Medical Program Director, NICU.

infants of the RCH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is among the

RCH Donation Day October 2, 2012 Celebrating 150 years of medical excellence at Royal Columbian Hospital



"Trauma can affect any one of us at any time. Caring for the critically injured takes a whole team and having the right equipment also plays a major role in helping us save lives and reduce the lifelong impact of serious injuries." - Dr. Iain MacPhail (centre), Program Medical Director, Fraser Health Trauma Services.



"I work in acute psychiatry and every day it's a new adventure into people's lives: their fears, joys, struggles and successes. I feel like I have the best job in the world; I am inspired each day by my clients as they teach me about courage, perseverance and creativity. This fuels my desire and curiosity to learn more about how to support our clients and guide them through this part of their journey." - Angela Baff, Occupational Therapist with therapy dog Zephyr.





"For such a rotten thing to have happened to me,

I had an awesome experience in RCH. It was a good

environment. I was sur-

rounded by lots of laugh-

ter - and I'm profoundly grateful to the nurses and

doctors who saved my

life. They were amazing."

serious injuries after being

Marco Lundy, who suffered

thrown from a horse she was

'Will he even remember me? The kids? Will he be able to speak again? Those were some of the things that passed through my mind during those dark days. Everyone told me how lucky we were that he was at Royal Columbian, and that gave me hope." - Marnie James, wife of Trevor James, who underwent two brain surgeries after falling off a ladder at work.



"Helping families through complications and working with the professionals who compassionately deal with them is a privilege. Feelings may be overwhelming, and systems are often complicated or unknown unless you've been through it. That's why we're here." - Beth Preston (right), Social Worker, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Cheri King (centre), Social Worker, Maternity and Paediatrics, with mom Keegan Greer and baby Quinn.



'At RBC we believe the nealth and wellness of ocal communities is of vital importance. We are roud to be a long-time supporter of Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation and congratulate the hospital for ts commitment to meeting patient needs." – Hanif Charania (far right), Regional Vice-president, Burnaby/New Westminster, Royal Bank of





"Sadly, come May 17, 2011, we said good bye to our little Brooklyn. What really meant the most to us in that moment was the compassion the NICU staff had, how they cried with us, and shared sympathetic words with us. They made Brooklyn's passing a peaceful intimate moment for us, and for that we will always hold them dear." - Tanya Foulds and Joel Wilson with Isabella (left) and Charlotte.



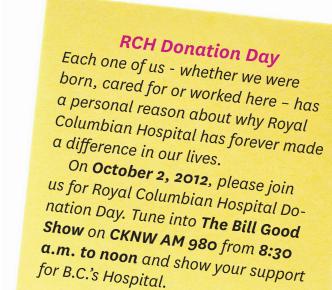
"The Breast Imaging program at Royal Columbian today was pioneered at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster. Supporting Royal Columbian in terms of funding staff education and equipment helps keep the spirit of St. Mary's Hospital alive." - Dr. Irwin Stewart, Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Mary's Health Foundation and former RCH specialist.



"RCH has done a lot for us and our family so we just wanted to give back." - Jennie and John Hik, who created the Cornelius Friesen Education Fund for cardiac nursing education in 1990 in memory of Jennie's father.



"It is a team effort regardless of whether it is nursing, social work, plant services or the person volunteering that helps in the big picture to create a quality patient care experience. It is all of us serving the patients and families when the 'Columbian Pride' shines the best." – Jason Cook, Director RCH, Site Operations.



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