



LIONS DEN

SUMMER 2024

Celebrating Lions at the Board of Directors Meeting

On May 30, we were pleased to have the Board of Director's meeting at our office in Vancouver. Several of the Lions who sit on the Board were in attendance. The Lions Ambassador group had a productive meeting to discuss how they can support and be supported by Easter Seals. Stay tuned for more information on that topic.

During the post-meeting BBQ, we honored the Vancouver East Lions Club who turned 80 earlier this year. President Michael Cheng was on hand with several members to accept an honorary plaque from our President and CEO, Lisa Beck and Lion and Board Chair, Wanda Eddy. It was a fantastic day.

(See photo at top right.)



Far left: Lisa Beck, President & CEO, Michael Cheng and members of Vancouver East Lions Club, far right: Wanda Eddy, Board Chair

Message from the Vice President

What an amazing two months. Your support for children with disabilities has been inspiring and we cannot thank you enough.



As we head into camp season, I am overjoyed to announce that registration is full at all three of our locations (Shawnigan, Squamish, and Winfield) for Overnight Camp, and our Family Camp is almost full as well. It's going to be a busy summer for all of us and we can't wait to get started.

Easter Seals House is also doing well—we are operating at over 90 percent occupancy. We've started renovations on another room, which we hope to have finished in the near future. Over the summer, we would love to take your local Club on a tour and show you around. Simply

contact Jorgina Thompson jthompson@eastersealsbcy.ca and we will arrange something.

Lions Clubs certainly were busy these past two months getting camp ready in all locations as well as running events and supporting camps financially. We've highlighted several of the events below. We're always interested in hearing about your activities, so please keep us informed so we can continue to share your stories of success.

Thank you for all you do. We make a greater impact in our community because of the Lions Clubs across BC and Washington State.

Sincerely,

Mike Leland
Vice-President,
Engagement & Philanthropy

Golf for the Kids

There were two high profile golf tournaments over the past two months—both run by Lions Clubs in the Okanagan.

The Peachland Lions held their annual tournament at the Peachland Golf and Country Club and raised \$8,000. Our VP Mike Leland was on hand to accept the cheque from Peachland Lions member David Tarry.

A couple of weeks later, the Vernon Lions Club held a golf tournament at the Vernon Golf Club with proceeds also going to Camp Winfield— they raised close to \$19,000!

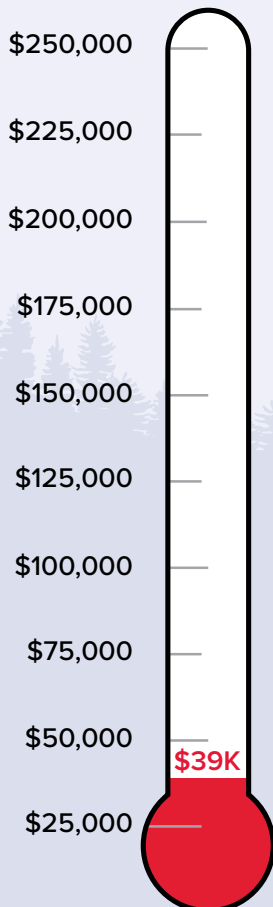


L: Mike Leland, VP of Philanthropy. R: David Tarry, Peachland Lions Club member

The funds raised from both tournaments will send children, youth and adults with physical or cognitive disabilities to camp.

We want to thank both Lions Clubs as well as all the wonderful golfers, sponsors, and of course the volunteers.

Camp Shawnigan Fundraising Goal



A Campaign to Transform Camp Shawnigan

As many of you know, we are currently working on a campaign to rebuild Camp Shawnigan. The \$25 million project will be the largest one we have ever undertaken in our history in BC, and when we are finished, we will have North America's first year-round, purpose-built, multifunctional space for children, youth, and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities.

We are currently working with local clubs on the Island to raise funds and awareness around the project.

If you would like to know more or find out how you can contribute, contact: Shannon Bernays
sbernays@eastersealsbcy.ca

We would like to thank the Lions Clubs who have contributed to date.



Thank You Lions

Every year, the Lions Clubs donate generously to support the disability community. Because of you, we can and are making a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families. We would like to recognize the following Clubs for their support this quarter.

Alberni Valley Lions Club

Barriere Lions Club

Creston Lions Club

Duncan Lions Club

Esquimalt Lions Club

Fairmont & District Lions Club

Gabriola Island Lions Club

Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club

Kelowna Okanagan Mission Lions Club

Kootenay Lake Lions Club

Malahat Lions Club

Nanoose Bay Lions Club

North Kamloops Lions Club

North Shuswap Lions Club

Salt Spring Island Lions Club

Sand Creek Lions Club

Sidney Lions Club

Vancouver East Lions Club

Vancouver Renfrew Lions Club

Victoria Lions Club

Wasa District Lions Club

Lions on the Board of Directors

Wanda Eddy, Board Chair

Sharon Hanson

Michael Cheng

Robin Woolmer

Kirk Duff

Debbie Bostick

Neil Haley

Easter Seals in the Community

Drop Zone

This September, we are running our largest fundraising campaign of the year, but **REGISTRATION starts now**. Spread across four communities (Victoria, Vancouver, Burnaby & Kelowna) our annual Drop Zone campaign hopes to raise significant funds to support the disability community. Registration is open today at dropzonebc.ca



Share your stories!

Send along your photos and a brief description of any fundraising activity or event that your Club has undertaken for Easter Seals. info@eastersealsbcy.ca

**The Beachlands
Victoria Open PGA
Golf Tournament**

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PRESENTED BY TIMES & COLONIST

PGA TOUR AMERICAS
FERTINET CUP

June 16-23 we will be in Victoria for The Beachlands Victoria Open PGA Golf tournament. Hosted at the beautiful Uplands Golf Course, we will be on site for three days taking donations. If you would like to Volunteer, contact Amy Kleckner akleckner@eastersealsbcy.ca

Lunch with Easter Seals

October—we are in preparation for our annual Lunch with Easter Seals. A lunch to recognize the efforts of our donors and volunteers. Watch for your invite in the mail.



The British Columbia Lions Society
For Children with Disabilities



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