

April 9, 2018

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Dear Mr. Dingley,

On behalf of our patients, residents, caregivers and all of the staff at each of our hospitals and sites, I would like to personally thank you for helping to make our 2017 Lights of Hope campaign a success. Your support helped enable us raise a total of \$3.1 million which will help fund equipment, life-saving research, services and community programs. I have included some examples of how Lights of Hope dollars have helped support patient care on the reverse of this letter.

This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lights of Hope which gave us an opportunity to reflect on the generosity of our community and of partners like you who help bring this campaign together. Over the past 20 years, Lights of Hope has raised over \$34 million, proving that every donation, every contribution adds up to make a great impact on the care we can provide.

Your partnership helps light up our St. Paul's display, creating a visual representation of community support and hope to those who need it most. George Keulen, a patient who spent 200 days in St. Paul's waiting for a double lung transplant, had this to say about what Lights of Hope means to him:

*"It was 2009. I was in St. Paul's over Christmas, in a room on the fifth floor facing Burrard Street. On the night the Lights of Hope were lit, I remember hearing a lot of noise outside but I didn't know what was going on. All of a sudden, fireworks go off right outside my window. It was amazing to see. Then I hear cheering. So often in the hospital, you feel isolated. It's like people don't want to think about people who are sick. Perhaps it's that sickness reminds us of our own mortality. But for that moment, amidst the lights and the cheers and the crowd below, I was reminded that people do care. Even though we may not like to think about being sick, we want to help those who are. We care about each other. This brought great comfort to me. I was very sick at that time, very frightened, but that night a spirit of hope stirred within me."*

It is thanks to the volunteer contributions from partners like you that make this campaign possible. Thank you again for your support which helped make our 2017 campaign such a success.

Sincerely,



Dick Vollet  
President & CEO