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## Appreciation Report for the Alex A. Campbell Conquer Cancer Classic

*Your impact in 2018*

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## The difference you make



Through a community of caring and committed golfers, you are making a difference for Vancouver Islanders affected by cancer.

With support from the tournament sponsor, the Campbell family, the Alex A. Campbell Conquer Cancer Classic has raised over \$1.1 million in its 30-year history. Over the years, funds donated by the Alex A. Campbell Conquer Golf Classic have been designated to fuel cancer research to find new ways to prevent cancer, find it early and treat it more

successfully, and enable ongoing improvements to the facilities and operations at the Vancouver Island Lodge. In 2018, the Tournament raised an incredible \$43,000 to help make the lodge a more comfortable home away from home for those undergoing cancer treatment in Victoria.



Your commitment to the cancer cause goes beyond philanthropy. Tournament organizers and supporters devote countless hours to volunteering at the lodge and in the community, bringing companionship and support to those facing cancer.

**Thank you for believing in our vision of a world where no Canadian fears cancer, and for making our work possible.**

## Lives you have touched on Vancouver Island

## Vancouver Island Lodge | A home away from home during treatment

Many Vancouver Islanders must travel far from home to receive cancer treatment, which can be emotionally and financially overwhelming. The Canadian Cancer Society's Vancouver Island lodge provides affordable and comfortable accommodation just minutes from the Royal Jubilee Hospital and BC Cancer Agency in Victoria.

Like all four of the Canadian Cancer Society lodges across British Columbia, the Vancouver Island lodge offers shared rooms with ensuite, three nutritious meals a day and easy access to cancer information and resources. Lodge staff are on-site 24 hours a day to provide support and information to guests. The lodge also has a wig and breast prosthesis bank for those who need them. Lodge guests pay a reasonable user fee, and the generosity of lodge supporters like you is what keeps that fee accessible.

Your longstanding support and generosity have enabled countless improvements to the guest experience over the years. In 2018, proceeds from the Alex A. Campbell Conquer Cancer Classic allowed the purchase of new toilets for the entire building (25 in total), new dining room furniture, and a contribution towards air conditioning for the building in 2019. Thanks to you, Vancouver Island lodge guests find all the comforts of home at a time when they need it most.

"Thank you for making the last 7 weeks comfortable and fun. You all do such an amazing job. If there had to be a best part of having 'cancer' it would be my stay at the lodge." - Karen T., from Nanaimo

The Vancouver Island lodge is more than a place to stay, it establishes a support network for cancer patients. People who stay at the lodge come from across Vancouver Island, and their shared experience of cancer helps them support each other during treatments. These friendships and the lodge's hospitality help people to better cope with the psychological and emotional challenges that come with cancer. For Nick von Poser, the friendships he made at the lodge are a lifeline.

"I have prostate cancer that has spread into my lymph nodes. 30% chance of being cured. I will be in the 30%! Since being radiated for 6 ½ weeks and hormone treatment, I am fortunate that I have no pain. Everything else is just annoying. Lynda and I are from Up-Island, so this was a great chance to get to know Victoria for us small town folk. We got to know and be friends with some amazing people that we met here. We "built" cedar strip canoes, we went fishing, hunting, climbing mountains, kayaking the West Coast, surfing at Tofino and Surge Narrows. We travelled the world and talked politics and world events. We laughed. Life is good."

- Nick von Poser, Vancouver Island lodge guest

In the last year, you helped provide comfort and support for **2,251 guests**

### Here is where the Lodge visitors come from

Black Creek	14	Kelowna	2	Queen Charlotte	2
Bowser	7	Ladysmith	76	Richmond Hill	1
Cambell River	5	Lake Cowichan	19	Riske Creek	3
Campbell River	256	Langley	1	Royston	22
Chemainus	19	Lantzville	24	Salt Spring Isla	25
Cobble Hill	14	Lasqueti	6	Saskatoon	3
Comox	111	Mansons Landing	8	Sayward	3
Coombs	4	Masset	16	Shawnigan Lake	1
Courtenay	240	Nanaimo	516	Sidney	1
Cowichan Bay	17	Nanoose Bay	29	Sointula	4
Crofton	4	Parksville	166	Sooke	5
Cumberland	27	Pender Island	11	Squirrel Cove	2
Denman Island	9	Port Alberni	158	Tahsis	1
Duncan	54	Port Coquitlam	1	Ucluelet	6
Edmonton	3	Port Hardy	26	Union Bay	3
Errington	7	Port McNeill	17	Van Anda	8
Fanny Bay	14	Powell River	16	Victoria	2
Gabriola	36	Prince George	2	Whitehorse	1
Galiano	6	Prince Rupert	1	Youbou	13
Gold River	1	Quadra Island	1	Zeballos	1
Heriot Bay	3	Qualicum Beach	168		
Kamloops	1	Quathiaski Cove	28	Grand Total	2251

## Thank you!

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society and all the lodge guests for whom your support means so much, thank you!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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