



Gerry Humphries

## Message from the Chair

This newsletter marks an exciting transition in the history of the YMCA. To better reflect the growth and true nature of the Endowment Fund of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, we are proud to announce that we have changed our name to the YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation. Yet the purpose is the same: to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

This name change embraces the success of a dream that 12 people had in 1952 to start an Endowment Fund to support YMCA programs. Their vision, which was to support the YMCA in perpetuity, has created a legacy that will endure for generations. The Foundation has now grown to a combined value of over \$24 million in assets and properties, helping support the delivery of programs and services to more than 116,000 people in metro Vancouver, from the Sunshine Coast to Chilliwack. Please look at our latest Foundation Annual Report for 2016 highlights: [gv.ymca.ca/About-Us/Governance](http://gv.ymca.ca/About-Us/Governance)

I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank the out-going Michael Lee for his service over the past 2 years. Michael demonstrated a passion and commitment to the YMCA cause, and his contribution is making a real difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. Michael has been elected as a provincial MLA and we look forward to seeing him at future YMCA events.

### Please extend a very warm welcome to four new YMCA Foundation Trustees:

**Virginia Bird** is Principal of Pottinger Bird, a real estate consultancy firm specializing in development-related public relations. She is an active member of the Urban Development Institute and currently serves on the organization's membership committee. She is also Chair of the Women of UDI committee and serves as a director of both the Vancouver Resource Society and the West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

**Jeff Calbick** is the Director of Strategic Priorities with United Way of the Lower Mainland's Community Impact and Investment Department. He oversees the investment of over \$11 million in early and middle childhood initiatives in the Lower Mainland. Jeff is a resident of Surrey, BC and is a busy father of three school-aged children. He has been a champion of United Way's mission in building community since 1998.

**Heather Holden** is a Private Wealth Manager with UBS Bank. She holds a PhD from the University of Waterloo in Science and Technology and was a professor at the National University of Singapore. Heather is a volunteer Big Sister and has served on several Boards including The Nature Trust, Big Sisters and the Pacific Carbon Trust.

**Mary Beck** is member of the Law Society of British Columbia and has just retired as Vice-President, Compliance with Odium Brown Limited in Vancouver. A long-time YMCA volunteer, Mary is a board member and a past chair of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver. She is also a member of the YMCA Canada Board of Directors.

We dedicate this newsletter and the optimism it presents to the memory of Jeff Devins, past Chair of the Foundation, who passed away suddenly earlier this year. His passion for the YMCA's cause, his unwavering belief that all children and families have the right to access programs and services that help them reach their potential—combined with his business acumen—has created an enduring legacy that will impact lives for generations to come.



Gerry Humphries  
Chair, YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation

## What's in a Name?

To better reflect the growth of the Endowment Fund we're proud to announce that the Endowment Fund of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver is now officially named the YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation. We are pleased to reveal our new name and logo in this edition of Newsworthy. Our new name reflects our expanding work in supporting the YMCA during this period of unprecedented growth, and reflects our commitment to continuing to support the YMCA in building strong kids, families and communities – today and tomorrow. We have helped the YMCA of Greater Vancouver thrive for the past 65 years and we are looking forward to 65 more! Our new CRA # is 8039 76471 RR0001.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

If you do not see your question answered below, don't hesitate to contact us at 604.622.4964.

**Is the mandate of the YMCA Foundation the same as the Endowment Fund?**

Yes. Our mandate continues to be to support the YMCA in building strong kids, strong families and strong communities today and tomorrow. We are dedicated to helping children and families thrive, promoting healthy living, fostering belonging and connection and helping all people reach their potential. The Y Foundation will continue to steward our investments, and to focus on growth too.

**My will or insurance policy that I own lists the Endowment Fund of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver as the beneficiary. Do I have to change it?**

No. The CRA number has not changed, only the name, therefore no updates are required. Please check that you have the correct CRA number listed: 8039 76471 RR0001.

**My will or insurance policy that I own lists the Endowment Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Vancouver as the beneficiary. Do I have to change it?**

Yes. The Endowment Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association is the old entity. Your estate planning should list either the Endowment Fund of the YMCA of

Greater Vancouver or the YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation. Your wills and estate planner can advise you on the easiest way to update your will without having to incur significant costs.

**I have a named fund with the YMCA of Greater Vancouver. Will this affect my fund in any way?**

No. The funds will continue to be managed by the Foundation, and no further action is required. You will continue to receive fund reports on a yearly basis, and will be issued a tax receipt for any donations you make to the fund. If you would like to start a named fund please contact us.

**I am going to be updating my will soon. What should I include in my will to ensure my donation goes to the new foundation?**

We have a new CRA number, which is: 8039 76471 RR0001. Please contact us if you would like assistance with any specific wording.

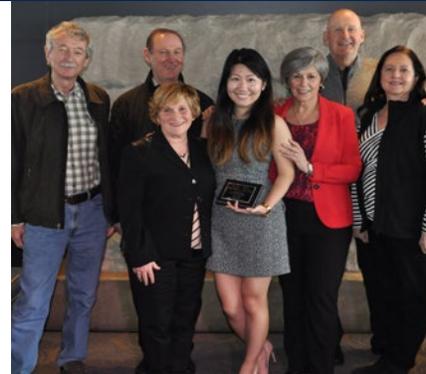
## Ellen Bell YMCA Memorial Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce this year's scholarship went to two deserving recipients: Jennifer Zhen, a passionate fourth year marketing student studying at the UBC Sauder School of Business and Robyn Roberts an inspiring young woman currently attending Camosun College on Vancouver Island.

Not only are both women driven and passionate about their fields of study, they are both dedicated to giving back to their community. Jennifer is the president of the Commerce Undergraduate Society and organized a UBC Kindness Project aimed at spreading random acts of kindness and fundraising for causes at UBC. Robyn has spent time volunteering with Canadian Blood Services and dreams about developing new programs to better the lives of youth in care.

Ellen Bell, a talented and creative individual, was a committed YMCA volunteer. She will forever be remembered for her boundless energy, intelligence, kindness and willingness to commit herself to the betterment of the community. After Ellen's tragic passing, friends and family created a scholarship in her honour, which is granted to recipients who share Ellen's incredible qualities.

With a passion for learning, an enthusiastic approach to giving back to the community, intelligence and fierce independence this year's recipients embody the qualities of Ellen Bell and are deserving recipient of the award.



(above) Jennifer Zhen receives Ellen Bell YMCA Memorial scholarship. (below) Robyn Roberts receives Ellen Bell YMCA Memorial scholarship in Victoria.



May Brown and Jone Brodie Fraser sign the framed poster to commemorate the name change.

## 35th Annual YMCA Heritage Club Luncheon

Summer finally arrived just in time for the 35th Annual YMCA Heritage Club Luncheon on June 21st. The afternoon was spent catching up with old friends and enjoying the incredible

ocean view from the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club.

Hosted by two YMCA Young Leaders, the event began with Chair of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation Gerry Humphries providing an update on the significant accomplishments in 2016 and highlighting the name change from the Endowment Fund of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver to the YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation. To honour this moment and the shared vision and commitment from Heritage Club members, a framed poster was signed by every individual in the room to acknowledge their substantial part in building a sustainable future for the YMCA. The framed poster will be mounted in the YMCA boardroom as an historic record of this notable occasion.

The event continued with YMCA President and CEO Steve Butz reflecting on the future growth of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, "The people in this room have given the YMCA the confidence to think big. None of this would be possible without their dedication and commitment to creating opportunities for future generations. I continue to be grateful and inspired by your commitment to the YMCA."

To close the event, Steve celebrated Bob Chan-Kent who was recently appointed to the YMCA Fellowship of Honour, the highest honour and most valued award of YMCA Canada. Bob shared stories from his experience receiving the award from his Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada in Ottawa. He emphasized how honoured and humbled he was to have been appointed and thanked the YMCA for the opportunity.

Thank you to the one and only Jone Brodie Fraser for organizing an enjoyable meal for everyone. See you all next June!

## Jeff Devins Honoured with 2017 Gavin Hume Spirit of Giving Award

Since 2016, the Gavin Hume Spirit of Giving Award is awarded at the YMCA Annual General Meeting to a donor or volunteer who demonstrates exceptional generosity, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles in the community.

Jeff Devins, past chair of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver Foundation, who tragically passed away earlier this year, was posthumously awarded the 2017 Gavin Hume Spirit of Giving Award at the YMCA’s 130th AGM. The award was graciously accepted by his wife, Vera Devins. In attendance were his daughters Jennifer and Melissa, as well as son-in law Andrew and newborn grandson Ellis Jeffery.



From left to right: Jeff Devins’s son-in-law Andrew, daughter Melissa, grandson Ellis Jeffrey, wife Vera and daughter Jennifer.

Stephen Butz, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, gave a heartfelt address about what Jeff meant to the YMCA. Jeff’s passing left a big hole in our YMCA world. His involvement with the YMCA spanned decades, having served on the Board of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver, as well as Science World, the Canadian Red Cross bank fund campaign and the United Way. Jeff contributed to the YMCA with all the can-do spirit of an entrepreneur, and always challenged us all to be our best.

Jeff had many gifts including seeing through complexity and offering brilliant insight in all matters concerning finance, real estate and business planning. However, if you ask his family and friends what he is best known for, they’d say Jeff had a big heart. In front of a board he could easily recite a dissertation on the merits of a complicated real estate transaction. He was a master. But ask Jeff to say a few words on Bob and Kay Ackles YMCA Nanook House and what it does for kids and families living in the east side of Vancouver and he would be overcome with emotion. Of his many gifts, Jeff had a remarkable ability to think simultaneously with his head and heart – and we are better people, and a better organization, because of him.

For Jeff, the Y became a way in which he could contribute his gift of leadership, integrity and caring back to the community. He truly believed that everyone should have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and worked hard to make that happen. The work he did in his lifetime has created an enduring legacy that will positively impact children and families for generations to come.

### In Memoriam

We’re sad to announce the passing of some long time YMCA Heritage Club members and supporters. Jeff Devins, Werner Meyer and Mary Chose will be warmly remembered by all their YMCA friends and associates.

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- Virginia Bird
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#### YMCA Foundation Staff Support

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