

Fundraising Proceeds Used to Diagnose Health of “tiniest” Patients

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Funds donated by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise following the club’s 2021 ‘Season of Giving’ Calendar fundraiser, amounting to \$51,576, have enabled the Kelowna General Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to purchase a Brainiz EEG Monitor. The club was recently advised that the specialized Unit has finally arrived and “is now literally making the diagnosis for our tiniest patients that much easier,” stated Bettina Muller, a director with the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation (KGH Foundation).



Allison Ramchuk, the CEO for the KGH Foundation explained that the “monitor provides actionable neurological information during the early stages of newborn development.” Allison added that “the advanced equipment provides reliable data and insight into the serious conditions a neonate may experience including seizures, intraventricular hemorrhage and other brain dysfunctions/injuries.”

In a statement made to the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise’s ‘Season of Giving’ Calendar Committee, Ramchuk expressed appreciation for the “club’s commitment and dedication in directly supporting KGH’s tiniest patients and their families;” and the “team’s passion for giving back and making an impact in the community.”

The Sunrise Rotary Club’s financial support for the Kelowna General Hospital Neonatal Unit continues to be important for the members of the club. Now that the 2022 “Season of Giving’ Calendar Fundraiser has been completed, the members of the club have once again focused on supporting the KGH Foundation, along with the Child Advocacy Centre. Both organizations will receive \$77,284 each from the Fundraiser’s net profits.