

Jesse's House

A home away from home in Nanaimo



Champions for the health of every Island family since 1926.

Quick background

Who are we?

Mission: We invest in the health of Island kids.

Vision: All Island kids have access to the health care they need.



Children may only be 21% of our Island's population, but they are 100% of our future.



CHF in Nanaimo

Working alongside the Nanaimo community to support children and youth:

- Nanaimo Child Development Centre
- Greater Nanaimo Early Years Partnership
- Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island
- Whitecrow Village FASD Society
- City of Nanaimo



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Our next project

A home away
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Families from across the Islands find themselves in Nanaimo for health care

- NRGH hosts one of two NICUs on the Island and other pediatric clinical care
- Nanaimo hosts additional community-based health care services such as dental and assessments
- Pregnant people from rural and remote communities relocate to Nanaimo in advance of their due date

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The Inspiration

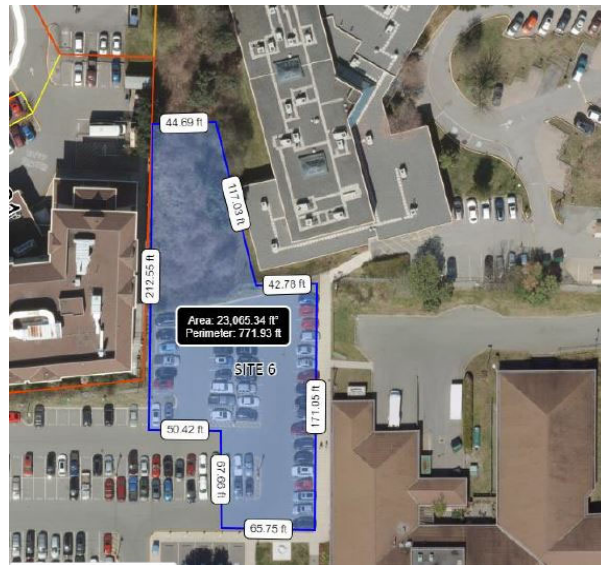


Sheri and Marlee Shanahan



Location

Nanaimo Regional General Hospital campus



Community benefits

Better health outcomes for Island families

- Provides accommodation near health care services
- Removes financial burden related to cost of accommodation

"I think I had to go through the hardest thing in the world. I don't think I would have mentally made it through that experience if Jeneece Place wasn't there."

- Misty, Lucy and Clara's mom in Campbell River



Misty, Lucy, and Clara, Campbell River

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Community benefits

Better health outcomes for Island families

- Provides a safe, inclusive, and friendly space for patients and their families to call home and find comfort
- Includes amenities such as a kitchen, cultural space, multi-purpose activity room, patio area, and playground
- Facilitates relationship building and peer-to-peer support among home away from home families.

"Most people from the North Island are born and raised here, or have moved from other provinces. They don't have family to stay with in the bigger centres down Island, so medical treatment or long stays can be very costly. To have a place like Jeneece Place relieves the pressure for northern families so much."

*- Jaime, Aceson's mother
Port McNeill*



Gabrille family, Port McNeill

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The process



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Q'w'alyu House

Campbell River

- Opened in August 2021
- Families have stayed more than 400 nights since the house first opened
- Families who stay at Qwalayu House are accessing care at the Campbell River hospital or community based care
- 10-bedrooms with private baths
- Large shared kitchen, living room, quiet rooms, and other shared spaces
- Annual operating costs are \$450,000



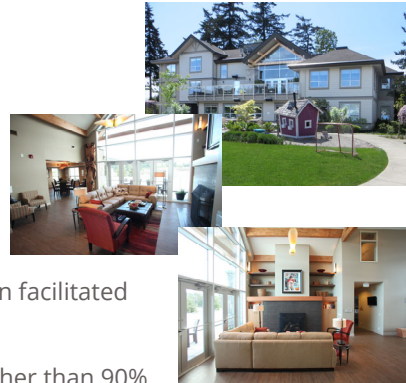
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Jeneece Place

Victoria

- 10-bedroom facility with private baths
- Large shared kitchen, living room, media room, playground, garden, and art room
- Nearly 4000 stays have been facilitated at the house since opening
- Average occupancy rate higher than 90%
- Ongoing operating costs budgeted at \$470,000 funded by Children's Health Foundation donors with minimal active fundraising needed



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Next steps

- Architect, Alan Lowe, will design the house
- Working toward breaking ground and bringing this resource to the community as soon as possible
- Generating community support and funding for the capital build and operations

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Thank you!

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