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CAIRNSMORE PLACE CELEBRATES RENOVATIONS

DUNCAN – Residents, their families, staff and volunteers of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)/Cairnsmore Place today are celebrating the grand opening of a more spacious facility thanks to recently completed renovations.

The \$2.3M project involved an addition and a renovation that together have added 611 square meters of new construction and renovated space. The original dining room was expanded and a new room was built for residents and families in which to visit, with two patios open to gardens with wheelchair friendly walkways. The front entry is also revised and expanded giving the facility a new look.

VIHA's Director of Residential Services, Heather Cook said that "This beautiful and spacious renovation will make Cairnsmore Place a much more pleasant environment for our residents and their families." Cook added that the renovations have also replaced, upgraded and enclosed the food service servery, storage and dishwashing space which is a great improvement for both residents and staff."

The Cowichan District Hospital Foundation, the Vancouver Island Health Authority, and the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District jointly funded this project.

"Anytime we can provide new and better facilities for our seniors needing complex care we have improved the lives of everyone because families benefit from knowing their loved ones are well taken care of," said Jack Peake, Chair, CVRHD Board.

Denise McKinlay, Chair of the Cowichan District Hospital Foundation says, "The Foundation is very pleased to have partnered with VIHA and the community to help renovate Cairnsmore Place. The updated and additional living space and furnishings create a more home-like environment for the residents."

Cairnsmore place is home to 100 complex care residents mostly from the Cowichan Valley area. For more information about visit our website: www.viha.ca

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