

University of Victoria Retiree's
Campaign for the United Way of Southern Vancouver Island – 2022/23

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To the UVRA Membership,

It was my great pleasure to serve as Campaign Chair for the UVRA United Way Campaign again this year. I am pleased to report that our Campaign was a very successful one. Over the course of the Campaign, UVIC Retiree donors contributed \$56,010 to our community! This is a slightly higher level of contribution over last year and means that over the lifetime of the Retirees' Campaign, we have contributed more than \$525,000 to supporting our neighbours.

The Retiree's campaign is always significant in securing UVIC's reputation as a top-tier donor for the United Way of Southern Vancouver Island (UWSVI). Thank you, on behalf of the University, the United Way and all those in our community that your donations support.

The United Way of Southern Vancouver Island is an important social impact organization in our community. If you are interested to know how your donations are helping to support individuals, families and communities in our region, I urge you to explore the community impact directory on the United Way of Southern Vancouver Island's website: uwsvi.ca/2022-23-community-impact-directory. From this page you can learn about programs offered in your own neighbourhood – or you can use this directory to provide information to friends or family members seeking assistance in our region.

Recently the UWSVI has launched their United for Mental Health Campaign. While the United Way has for many years been seen as a seasonal campaign fund-raiser, it is now a year-round fund-raising organization. We hear stories every day of the challenges faced by youth in our region and the on-going need for mental health services and supports. If you can, please consider supporting the initiatives designed to address the needs of youth in our region with a mid-year donation!

I am still looking for someone to take on the role of Campaign Chair for 2023/24. If you are interested, I would love to show you the ropes! Please be in touch with me at emmie@uvic.ca!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Purkis - UVRA – United Way Campaign Chair