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# Impact of your giving.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**Langara College**  
Foundation

*In a world characterized by rapid change and evolving complexities, the role of education has never been more pivotal. At Langara College Foundation, we recognize our responsibility to cultivate an environment where every student, regardless of background or circumstance, can flourish and realize their fullest potential. It is through the collaborative efforts of our donors, alumni, partners, faculty, staff, and students that we continue to strive towards this vision. Thank you for your investment in our future.*

## Langara donor provides accessible dental hygiene.

Dental hygiene and dentist visits are something many of us take for granted. But for others seeing a dental hygienist is beyond their financial reach.

Langara alum Soheil Iravani used to be one of those people. He immigrated from Iran and faced financial and cultural obstacles, which led to oral health neglect and the loss of two teeth.

Despite these challenges, he persevered and fulfilled his prerequisite courses at Langara in 2005, then completed his diploma in dental hygiene.

Upon graduation, Soheil started working at a dental clinic where he became inspired by two Langara students. He discovered they not only lacked the time to visit a dentist but were also unaware of their student health plans.

“This prompted me to create the mobile Healthy Smile Dental Hygiene Clinic so students could access affordable dental hygiene services,” says Soheil.

In fact, the first college he approached with his mobile clinic concept was Langara. You can now find his busy clinic parked on the east side of the main campus. Soheil is also a proud monthly donor to the Langara Foundation, and he donates a percentage of his billings every month.



# Building futures: scholarships for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers.

Every day members of the LGBTQ+ community flee persecution in their home countries because of their sexual orientation. They have to leave their families, friends, culture, careers, and language. And when they arrive in places such as Vancouver, they're often on their own to rebuild their lives from scratch.

Thanks to The Rainbow Foundation of Hope (RFOH) there is help for them. The RFOH is a volunteer-run organization that supports asylum seekers, refugees, and newcomers. And in partnership with RFOH, Langara College plays a key role in setting up these newcomers for success.



David Salter, the RFOH Board Chair explains. “Thanks to an introduction by a Langara instructor, we received a stream of student volunteers who have been crucial in supporting our social media, communications, and website committees.”

But it's not just through volunteers that Langara supports RFOH. It's through scholarships, too.

“When refugees arrive in Canada many struggle to learn and perfect their English and want to further their education. Many need to take courses to get accreditation to work in BC. Most LGBTQ+ refugees are young and don't have the resources to go to college. That's why we explored scholarships with Langara.”

One of those student recipients is in their fourth general science term at Langara.

“This scholarship holds immense significance for me. With my family being far away, in a different country, it is hard balancing student life with personal finances. More than anything, it is validating to have someone believe in my journey and invest in it. I intend to utilize a portion of the funds to enroll in coral reef conservation courses during the summer.”

Another scholarship recipient is in their fifth term of the nursing program.

“I can't express how grateful I feel today. I want to offer the same support to someone else, allowing them to experience the same feelings of gratitude and appreciation I feel right now.”

# Changing times, changing needs.



**\$12,120,207**

Endowment balance



**684**

Number of scholarships awarded



**879**

Number of bursaries awarded



**\$1,111,002**

Scholarships and bursaries distributed



**1030**

Number of students assisted



**587**

Total number of donors



**9**

New awards created



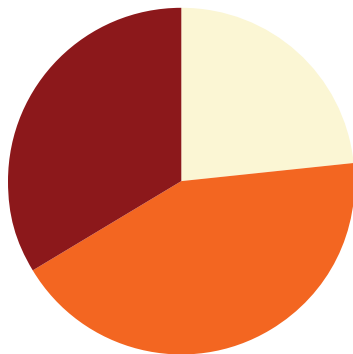
## SUMMARY OF DONATIONS




Annual and other donations **\$776,342**

Endowed donations **\$72,963**

Total donations received **\$849,305**

## DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2023



-  Bursaries  
**\$490,454**
-  Scholarships  
**\$620,548**
-  Other projects  
**\$337,682**

**Total distributions for 2023**  
**\$1,448,684**

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