



March 15, 2020

Dear VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association members,

As the world is coping with the COVID-19 pandemic on a daily basis, the Board of Directors has made the decision to **cancel the Annual Alumnae Association Luncheon scheduled for May 3, 2020**. The Board members were guided by the Health Canada Guidelines for Mass Gatherings which considers the age of the participants, the size of the gathering, whether physical contact was likely, food and beverages would have been shared, 2-metre spacing was required between participants, and some participants would have come from out of our country.

This decision was difficult to make but, as health care representatives, it was considered necessary in order to protect all involved. We will miss honouring the Classes of 1970 but will recognize them in 2021.

At the annual gathering, in addition to renewing the memories, time is given to sharing information about the Alumnae Association. This year there was to be a very important announcement about the approval by the Canada Revenue Agency for the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association to be able to provide taxable receipts for any money given to the association. In the past, this opportunity was limited to the Archival Development Fund.

The Board was to address the implications of the decision at the regular meeting in March. Needless to say, the necessary process and forms have not even been designed. However, the question of what to do with the Luncheon 2020 payments has to be addressed. For those of you, who have submitted payments through cheques or PayPal, please indicate where you would like your payment allocated:

1. Return to me
2. Donate to the Archival Fund, Education Bursaries, or General Fund

Processing the many responses will take some time so please be patient as this task will have to be added to the current workload.

If you have questions regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to contact the office at vghson99@gmail.com.

Please stay healthy and consider renewing some of your nursing memories.

Remember to stay connected by checking out our website at: vghnursingschoolalumnae.com

The VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association Board of Directors