

Save Lives - Win Big

with HOMETOWN HEROES LOTTERY



By Michelle Hopkins

Heidi Cave was 23 when her life forever changed in an instant. The day was June 12, 1998. Cave and her best friend Betty, 21, were just heading out in her car, literally right around the corner from Cave's house, when a speeding car slammed into the passenger side and T-boned her car.



"The impact pushed the car across the road into a ravine," says Cave. "We landed upside down and we were both trapped inside." Cave pauses for a moment before adding softly: "Betty was killed instantly."

"That day was horrible for so many people and it stopped my life in its tracks," she adds. The near-fatal car accident left Cave with burns to 52 per cent of her body and in a two-week drug-induced coma, in which her father had to make an agonizing decision. He had to agree to allow the doctors to amputate

his daughter's right leg below the knee. Cave spent the next seven months in Vancouver General Hospital's burn unit, underwent countless painful surgeries, including another to amputate her left leg as well. That was 13 years ago.

Today, the vibrant wife and mother of two young children has written a book, titled *Fancy Feet*, and is a sought-after motivational speaker. Cave has spoken in front of thousands of fire fighters across North



America, and even shared a billing with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Cave credits the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn, Plastic and Trauma Unit at VGH as well as GF Strong Rehab Centre for teaching her to be a survivor rather than a victim. "The doctors and nurses played a huge hand in both my

physical and emotional survival," she says. "They helped me through the whole process... it takes incredibly compassionate individuals to do that. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for the amazing care and compassion I received... we are so lucky in British Columbia to have these facilities."

VGH is the only Level One trauma centre in the province. That means the hospital has a full team of specialists ready 24/7 with leading edge expertise and equipment to help save lives.

As well, VGH's Burn Unit is the only site in B.C. where severely burned patients can be constantly monitored and receive intensive specialized care.

Dr. Anthony Papp, medical director at VGH's Burn Unit says: "We get the most severe burn cases in the province and provide world class care in both the Intensive Care Unit and Burn Unit."

Funds raised from the Hometown Heroes Lottery are vitally important to the hospital and to patients like Cave.

BC's Hometown Heroes come to the aid of people like Cave in life-threatening situations every day. From rescue to recovery, fire fighters along with doctors and nurses at VGH are always on duty for severely injured and critically ill British Columbians.

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