

As Colleen Dearden from the Mayne Island Building Centre put it, “The outpouring of community support for Meredyth raised more money than we expected, and that prompted discussion about how it could benefit other Mayne Islanders suffering financial hardship because of a critical illness.”

With the extra money as a basis for a new fund, a group of volunteers -- led by Mayne Island Building Centre staff -- got together to develop some eligibility criteria, and then asked three community members to take on the role of reviewing applications and disbursing funds to eligible applicants.

Applicants may receive up to \$3000, which is intended to serve as interim funding for living expenses while they seek financial aid from government or other agencies.

Who administers this fund?

The Meredyth James Fund is administered under the umbrella of the Mayne Island Health Centre Association (MIHCA).

How is money raised to support this fund?

The fund is supported through proceeds from fund-raising events and individual donations.

How can I make a donation?

Donations are accepted at the Mayne Island Health Centre Association. Please see the donations form at the back of this pamphlet for details.

If I donate, will I get a tax receipt?

Yes -- donations of \$20 or more are eligible for tax receipts. Just indicate that you want one when you complete the form on the back of this pamphlet, or download one through the Meredyth James Fund link on line at www.mayneisland.com

Who is eligible for assistance?

Money in the fund is available to any full time Mayne Island resident experiencing short-term financial hardship due to a recently diagnosed critical illness or severe injury.

Eligibility Criteria

If you can answer “yes” to one or more of the following questions, you may be eligible for financial support:

- Will you be prevented from working at gainful employment for a significant period of time? (Minimum 3 weeks)
- Will you be required to be away from home for an extended period while you receive treatment, and as a result, incur substantial travel/accommodation expenses?
- Will you require treatment that isn't fully funded by provincial health care services? (In this case, the intent of the fund is to

subsidize food and lodging, not to pay for the specific treatment.)

If I want to apply for assistance, what information will I be expected to provide?

Very little – your identity and any information you do provide will be kept strictly confidential. The whole concept of the fund is based on the spontaneous spirit with which the community has come together to support others in the past, so the intent is to maintain that good will: Mayne Islanders helping each other.

You do **not** need to provide physician approval, nor do you need to provide any personal or confidential medical or financial information. You will be asked some qualifying questions related to the criteria mentioned earlier.

What's the application process?

It's easy. Simply contact one of the people on the review committee (named below) or submit the form on the back page of this pamphlet, and a review committee member will contact you. This pamphlet is also available online at www.mayneisland.com Just click on the Meredyth James Fund link on the left-hand side of the home page.

Review Committee Members

Dereck Atha	250.539.2531
Olivia (Olly) Day	250.526.0007
Emily Patenaude	250.539.5738

I've got some questions. Who should I call?

One of the committee members listed above.

DONATION FORM

Please make all cheques payable to MIHCA (Mayne Island Health Centre Association) and please indicate on the bottom of your cheque that your donation is for the **Meredyth James Fund**. Please drop off or send your cheque to:

Mayne Island Health Centre Association

#100 - 526 Felix Jack Road

Mayne BC V0N 2J2

I enclose a donation to the Meredyth James Fund

NAME (Please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____

DATE _____

I would like to receive a donation receipt from MIHCA (Please check box)

Please remember to make a note on your cheque that you want your donation directed to the Meredyth James Fund.

APPLICATION FORM

Please place this completed form in a sealed envelope addressed to the Meredyth James Fund, and **drop it off at the Gulfport Realty office OR mail it to:**

The Meredyth James Fund c/o MIHCA

#100 - 526 Felix Jack Road

Mayne BC V0N 2J2

Either way, please write **CONFIDENTIAL** on your envelope.

I am applying for \$_____ (up to \$3000) from the Meredyth James Fund.

NAME (Please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL (Optional) _____

I am aware that someone from the Review Committee will contact me by phone.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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....providing short-term financial support to Mayne Islanders with a critical illness.

A community fund in memory of Meredyth James

Meredyth James -- a long term Mayne Island resident -- lost her battle with cancer in October 2012. When she was initially diagnosed, Meredyth's family and friends rallied around her to provide support and encouragement.

Her friends at the Mayne Island Building Centre also organized several highly successful fund-raising events to help Meredyth and her family

cope with the unexpected financial pressure that resulted from her critical illness.