

P.A.R.T.Y. Program Receives \$20,000 Donation from TELUS Victoria Community Board

The P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevent Alcohol & Risk Related Trauma in Youth) – which allows grade 10 students to visit several of our sites to learn about real life trauma from those who witness it first-hand – recently received a generous donation from the TELUS Victoria Community Board. The \$20,000 donation will go a long way in helping us keep youth safe throughout Vancouver Island!



Flanked by Spectrum Community School students at the Victoria General Hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program session, Island Health Board Chair Leah Hollins, centre, accepts a \$20,000 donation to the program from TELUS Community Board Chair Mel Cooper.

The aim of the program is to educate teens to the perils of risk-taking behavior and the tragic consequences that may occur.

If you are interested in making a difference in your community-volunteer with the P.A.R.T.Y. Program at Victoria General Hospital or Cowichan District Hospital! Please contact Amelia Smit, Injury & Violence Prevention Consultant, P.A.R.T.Y. Program Coordinator for South Island at PARTY_SI@viha.ca.

Time Frame Commitment:

Victoria General Hospital:

Most THURSDAYS 9am-1:30pm during the school year. We require 1-4 days per month September-June.

Cowichan District Hospital:

Every 2-4 weeks on TUESDAYS (time varies but generally from 9:30am-12:30pm and/or 12:30pm-3:30pm) during the school year.

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For more information, please visit the P.A.R.T.Y. [website](#)

If you would like to join the P.A.R.T.Y. team or have any questions, please email Amelia Smit, Injury & Violence Prevention Consultant, P.A.R.T.Y. Program Island Health Trauma Services - South Island, PARTY_SI@viha.ca.

**If you are interested in volunteering in the Central and North Island P.A.R.T.Y. Program locations, please email Kevin Vowles, Injury & Violence Prevention Consultant, P.A.R.T.Y. Program Island Health Trauma Services - Central & North Island, PARTY_CINI@viha.ca.*