



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Executive Director

Reflecting on my first year with SOS Children's Village BC, I am so proud of the accomplishments we've achieved within our organization.

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing donors, sponsors and community, whose generous support of SOS Children's Village BC allows us to celebrate the following successes in 2011:

- Completed our first year of the **Sounds of Learning Music Program** which resulted in a production of the CD entitled "Listen," with songs written and created by the children.
- Piloted the **After-school Homework Club** located in the Cloverdale community.
- Celebrated our **25th Anniversary** with an "Evening in the Park" and movie night with honoured guest Mr. Helmut Kutin, President of SOS Children's Villages International joining us.
- Successfully held **three signature SOS BC Fundraising events** which raised over \$120,000 for our programs.
- Directly helped over 100 vulnerable children and youth through 1500 program sessions in the Lower Mainland.

We are also proud to be connected to our global family by representing **SOS Children's Villages International** through our local initiatives with vulnerable children in the community.

Thanks to you, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of children and youth in our local communities. Best wishes to you and your loved ones in the New Year!


Nicole Minions

Yoga for Hope

Yoga for Hope 2012 will be held for the 1st annual year in Surrey, with all proceeds going directly to SOS Children's Village BC.

Date: February 25, 2012
Location: Rotary Fieldhouse
South Surrey Athletic Park
14600 Rotary Way

This Event offers individuals an opportunity to make a difference in their local community by simply participating in a day filled with yoga.

For more information please visit www.yogaforhope.ca

Parade of Trees Holiday Bash

Presenting Sponsor: 

Venue Sponsor: 

Media Sponsors: 

Tree Sponsors: Lynn Valley Lions Club, Pine Meadows Tree Farm Ltd., North Vancouver Host Lions Club, HeliJet, Stewart, Aulinger & Company, Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics, Teldon International Community Foundation, Capilano Lions Club, Capilano Volkswagen, The Rotary Club of North Vancouver



Food Sponsors: Gordon Food Services, Whistler Beer Company

Thank you to New Car Dealers foundation of BC, Great Canadian Gaming Corporations, Keith Roy our Master of Ceremonies, and Mathew Van Vooght who entertained us with holiday music. To see more performances by Mathew visit www.youtube.com and search Mathew Van Vooght.



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Every child belongs...every child matters

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Congratulations to the Parade of Trees Holiday Lottery Winners



Prize #1: VIA Rail Vacation for 2 to Jasper – Debra Rondeau

Prize #2: Helijet trip to Victoria for 2 – Corby Haley & Jordy Cameron



Prize #3: iPad 2 - WiFi 32GB – Monica Ballard



Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and played in support of SOS Children's Village BC and the Parade of Trees! A big thank you to our sponsors; **VIA Rail** and **Helijet**, for making this raffle possible with their generosity. We're looking forward to another exciting raffle this year!

Bloom Market

Thank you to **Bloom Market** and the vendors who donated items to the silent auction: Yapes Paints, Art by April Lacheur, Firefly Notes, Josh Jenkins Photography, Pink Gargoyle Design Co., Pretty in Pink, Creations by Uli, ShiverZ Designs, Spirit West Photography, Anna Vandas, Luxury Lathers Soap Company, Knobby Knuckles and Kayannah!!

Parade of Trees Presented by



Congratulations to the winners of best decorated tree:

Winner of the Holiday Bash:
Lynn Valley Lions Club



Winner of People's Choice:
Coast Capital Savings



Cloverdale Legion

A big thank you to the Cloverdale Legion who raised \$340.00 for SOS Children's Village BC through their New Year's Eve 50/50 draw! Thank you for your support!

Thank you to Coast Capital Savings

A continued supporter of our annual Parade of Trees, **Coast Capital Savings** also generously contributed a \$10,000 Grant towards our Fostering Growth Program! Thank you for your continued support Coast Capital Savings!

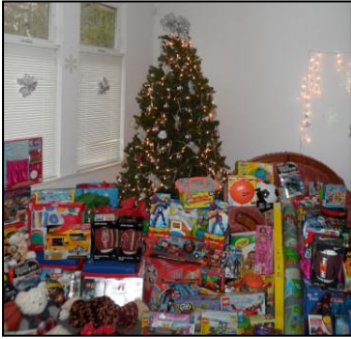


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Corina's Corner

Written by Corina Carroll-Layfield, Program Director

Spirit of the Season....



I was awestruck this year with the generosity of others toward our Christmas parties for the children and families we serve. It seemed that every day there was someone adding to the pool of funds and toys. The staff at Kiewit/Flatiron and B&B Contracting shopped from

the kids' wish lists; ensuring that the kids received what they had asked for, showing incredible consideration by including the foster parents in their collection! HSBC's Head Office added to our toy mountain by donating gifts through our office as well.

This year, we hosted three parties in one night. Children under 12 had their fill of sugary treats, crafts, a Christmas themed movie and of course, Santa's visit! It was absolute chaos, but it was the best chaos you can imagine, because it was kids being kids; playing, laughing, and showing us that behind all of the diagnoses and labels, they are, at heart, simply children.

The teens were taken to their dinner by a limo bus that did not fail to impress! The ride home included loud music and

dancing as the teens acted like the superstars we all think they are! One youth commented on his way off the limo, "How are they ever going to top this next year?"

And finally, the foster parent dinner, which allowed for our foster parents to have an evening off (a rare occasion!) to enjoy a quiet dinner with others who share their commitment to caring for children in foster care. They shared stories and laughter with each other; relishing in the adult contact that they so often go without. In a life that is dedicated to caring for others, it was touching to see them reach out to one another for support and friendship.

If there was a theme to our party night, it was connection. Each party brought people (little and big) together in celebration, but more importantly, the parties provided opportunities for human connection, creating a sense of belonging. Belonging is something that we strive for in our lives, and certainly, it is at the core of what we do at SOS Children's Village BC. When you feel like you belong, you feel like you have the support to do anything you set your mind to.

We would like to thank: The staff at Kiewit/Flatiron General Partnership, The staff and management at B&B Contracting, Beachcomber Spas, Mancorp Industrial Sales, HSBC, Private Donors, The Keg Steakhouse, and Pacific Harmony Limousines.

It has been an amazing year! Thank you to all of you who support what we do and please, keep supporting us! All the best to you and your families in 2012!

Thanks for everything! For the party, gifts, food, and party bus. It was really fun and we all enjoyed it. All love.

Thank you so much for the Christmas party

THANK-YOU! 😊

Thank you for the presents we had... a lot of fun.

It's a great feeling to know how much you guys are there and thinking of me. Wishing you all the best Christmas & a wonderful New Years.

Thank YOU!