

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Richmond Rotary Works up a Sweat for SOS Children's Village B.C.

Surrey, British Columbia On Sunday, May 25th, 2014, the Rotary Club of Richmond led a dynamic and passionate volunteer team and presented the 6th Annual SOS Children's Village B.C. Run & Walk, held at the spectacular Richmond Olympic Oval Plaza. While pledges continue to come in and the total is not finalized, the amount raised by this event is looking to top \$27,000.

“Without the leadership of the Rotary Club of Richmond, and their President Ken Dennis, this event would never have happened. Due to several challenges we were on the brink of cancelling our 6th Annual Run & Walk; however being the true exemplars of Rotary's motto - “Service Above Self” - Ken and his team stepped in at the eleventh hour, revitalizing our wonderful run committee, and producing our most successful run ever,” stated Douglas Dunn, Executive Director at SOS Children's Village BC.

He continued, “The Richmond Rotarians can rest assured that their overflowing good humour, hard work, and outstanding efforts will allow us at SOS B.C. to deliver desperately needed services and support to British Columbian foster children. On their behalf, and all of us at SOS B.C., our most heartfelt thanks to President Ken and his fellow Rotarians!”

About SOS Children's Village BC

SOS Children's Villages International is the world's largest non-governmental, non-denominational child development organization. It has existed for over 60 years with presence in 133 countries with over 550 villages and 2,365 programs benefiting millions of children globally. British Columbia is home to the only SOS Children's Village in Canada. The mission of SOS BC is to provide homes, a supportive community, and programs to help foster children and youth in need grow into caring, self-reliant adults. This is done through the operation of a five home “Village”, and community-based services to improve and sustain the quality of life for foster children and foster families.

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