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Introducing the 1st annual *Signature Social*

Soaring into the 40s
...the sky's the limit

Thursday, September 13th, 2012

Canadian Museum of Flight
Hangar #3, 5333 216th Street, Langley
Gates Open: 6:00 pm

Join us the evening of **September 13th, 2012** and be transported back to a simpler time...

Be entertained by sights and sounds of the 40s and 50s with live music by the 17 piece **Bruce James Orchestra** and Lindy Hop performed by the **Jitterbug Junkies!**

Enjoy an assortment of delicious hors d'oeuvres created with fresh, local ingredients served by **The Seasonal Experience**, paired with wine and beer tasting from BC vineyards and breweries!

Peruse through an array of specialty treasures in our silent auction, or try your luck in our raffle draw!

Tickets are available at the **early bird price of \$60 until June 30th, 2012**. For more information, and to get your ticket today, please visit our website at www.sosbc.org or contact **Leah** at **604.574.2964 ext. 228**.

Laughter is the Best Medicine

A huge **thank you** to improv comedy group, **Tickle Me Pickle**, who put on their annual charity show, **Laughter is the Best Medicine**, on **Thursday April 5th** at the **Richmond Cultural Centre**, and raised an amazing \$1300 in one night for SOS Children's Village BC!

For more information on **Tickle Me Pickle**, check them out on Facebook, or visit: <http://www.ticklepickle.com/>

Daymaker Day

April 24th marked another incredible **Daymaker Day** put on by the fabulous and talented staff of **The Megahair Family!** Kids and caregivers alike enjoyed complimentary manicures, massages, haircuts and of course face painting! Thank you to **The Megahair Family** for volunteering their time and talent to make our day!



SOS BC Run & Walk

With the warm weather approaching, what better way to spend a summer day than outdoors! Join us, **Saturday, June 30th, 2012** at the **Richmond Olympic Oval** for the **4th Annual, SOS BC Run!**



Dedicated Honourary Patrons **Doug and Diane Clement** (left) return, and Honourary Chair **Alexa Loo** (right) joins them to inspire us and promote the event's "Health and Wellness" theme.



Visit <http://www.sosbc.org/Run> to register and start collecting pledges!

Interested in sponsoring this event? Please contact Tim Pember (tpember@shaw.ca) for more information. For support on putting together a team, please contact Queenie Cheng (chengqueenie@hotmail.com).



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Vancouver Sun

We were thrilled to have **Daphne Bramham** from the **Vancouver Sun** come and spend a day at the Village recently to learn about SOS BC and our community programs. We were even more thrilled when Daphne's article made in on the front page, **Wednesday, May 10th**! If you haven't read the article already, check it out at: <http://www.vancouversun.com/business/Canada+only+Children+Village+provides+stable+home+kids/6590533/story.html>

The Goodness Bridge

Perhaps you have heard something about **Tough Mudder**? Hersh Kalles, founder of **The Goodness Bridge** has signed up to participate in this gruelling feat to raise money and awareness for **SOS Children's Villages**!



The 10-12 mile, 25 challenge obstacle course, designed by British Special Forces is anything but a walk in the park! It includes freezing water, swampy mud, mazes of fire, and electrically charged wires carrying ten thousand volts, and it's coming to Whistler, **June 23-24th**!

Passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, Hersh has committed himself to this course to raise money for **SOS Children's Village BC, and SOS Children's Village Pachacmac, Peru!** Hersh will be holding an evening of trivia and comedy to kick off his fundraising efforts before the big **Tough Mudder** challenge in June.

Join Hersh and **The Goodness Bridge** in support of **SOS Children's Villages**:

Thursday, June 7th, 2012

Lafflines, 530 Columbia Street, New Westminster
Doors at 7 pm, Trivia at 7:30 pm, Comedy Show at 8:30 pm
Tickets: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door

For more information, to purchase tickets to the show or pledge support to Hersh, please visit the website at: <http://toughlittlemudders.thegoodnessbridge.com/>

Day of Caring

Staff from **RBC Strawberry Hill** volunteered their time, **Sunday, April 29th**, at the Village spending the day gardening, power-washing, and helping spring clean! On behalf of SOS BC and the families at the Village, thank you for your **Day of Caring**!



Thank you to our dedicated Volunteers!

As some of you may know, April was **National Volunteer Month**. On behalf of all of us at **SOS Children's Village BC**, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated, passionate, caring group of **volunteers** that donate their time and talents to improve the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and families in the local community! We are so fortunate to have the support of so many wonderful individuals who share our commitment and drive to foster change. **Thank you, we couldn't do it without you!**

Tweet Tweet!

Did you know... SOS Children's Village BC is on **Twitter**? To stay updated on the happenings at the Village and in the community, follow us **@sosbcvillage**





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Easter in the Village

On **Thursday, April 5th** we hosted our annual Easter Party at the Village. Since no Easter Party is complete without copious amounts of sugar, the kids participated in an Easter Egg hunt followed by celebratory cake and goodie bags!



The Parade of Trees

Is it too soon to be thinking of winter?! Not if you are on the planning committee for the annual **Parade of Trees!**

Preparations are underway for this holiday favourite, and rumour has it that there will be a new, exciting twist this year!

Save the Date: Thursday, November 29th, 2012

For the return of the Holiday Gala atop **Grouse Mountain!** Stay tuned for more exciting details!

For event details and sponsorship information, or how to get involved, please contact **Leah** at **604.574.2964 ext. 228** or leahdullum@sosbc.org



Corina's Corner

Written by Corina Carroll-Layfield, Program Director

Every year I review our programs and collect data to submit my annual report that includes the number of children and youth served. Every year I make a mistake; the same mistake. I consistently forget to add up the smiles, laughs and hugs for the year. Just this morning alone there has been a dozen smiles, a giggle or two, a laughing fit and two hugs!

I know the importance of recording data and reporting on our impact, but wouldn't it be nice if we also gave as much attention to the other indicators of success? I see these indicators every day; when a child bursts through the door with excitement about their art therapy session, or a group of teens join in on the Easter party and ask if they can hunt for eggs. I see it in a foster mom's face when she is able to be open and honest about how she is feeling without worrying about judgment. I see it when the kids are challenging the Clinical Director at basketball on the court, or when the kids come running out to play in the yard with my 13 week old Labrador puppy. I also see it when one of the kids stands on the back porch and says confidently, "Corina, I need a hug from you!"

These indicators may seem trivial to some, but to us, they are significant. The children we work with and those who care for them have experienced or been witness to traumatic circumstances, loss, pain, and sadness. Yet, there are times when we see them step outside of the darkness and feel relief and joy. These indicators represent what life can be like when we share the burden, walk alongside them on their journey, hold their hand when they are scared, laugh with them, and hug them when they need it.