



SOS Children's Village BC

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Parade of Trees



Parade of Trees is a "must-see" for thousands of people in Vancouver from **December 3, 2011 to December 24, 2011**. The public is invited to browse through the tree display in the Spirit Gallery on Grouse Mountain until December 24. Guests are encouraged to cast a ballot for their favourite tree. Admission to the gallery is free; however there is a suggested minimum donation of \$2 for those participating in voting. While viewing the trees, don't forget to visit Santa in his Workshop.

Win some fabulous prizes!

Holiday raffle tickets are **1 for \$10.00** and **3 for \$20.00**

Early Bird Draw to be held Dec 1, 2011.

Prize: Holiday Gift Basket

Grand Prize Draw to be held Dec 23, 2011.

Prize #1: VIA Rail Vacation for 2 to Jasper

Prize #2: Helijet trip to Victoria for 2

Prize #3: iPad 2 - WiFi 32GB



To purchase tickets, please contact Liz at 604-574-2964 ext. 228 *Winners need not be present to win*

Christmas Card & Stamp

Make 16 cards, 4 designs, 4 of each design

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

SOS Children's Village BC 102 - 5830 176A Street, Surrey

Cost: \$35.00 includes envelopes

Please register & submit payment by November 1, 2011 to Liz Harris lizharris@sosbc.org 604-574-2964 ext.228

SOS Children's Village BC would like to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors. As of October 2011, **Satinder Grewal** and **Bruce Burley** will be joining as Directors. With new board volunteers comes new ideas and opportunities – SOS BC gives a warm welcome to each of the new members.

Parade of Trees Holiday Bash



The Holiday Bash will be held at Grouse Mountain on **Thursday, December 1, 2011** from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. It is a wonderful evening of wine, appetizers, and music. Attendees can vote for their favourite decorated tree and the winner will be announced at the end of the evening.

Holiday Bash Tickets •\$35.00 each

Includes: drinks, appetizers, entertainment, a Grouse Mountain gondola ticket, and parking for the evening.

Order Tickets Online at www.sosbc.org

*If you are interested in sponsoring a tree or donating a silent auction item please contact Liz Harris at 604-574-2964 ext. 228 or email lizharris@sosbc.org for more information.

Venue Sponsor: GROUSE MOUNTAIN

Media Sponsors: Global BC north shore news JACK FM 24H

Tree Sponsors: Pine Meadows Tree Farms, LUSH Fresh Handmade Cosmetics, Lynn Valley Lions Club, New Car Dealers Foundation of BC, North Vancouver Host Lions Club, Stewart, Aulinger & Company, Helijet International Inc., Teldon International Community Foundation

Food Sponsors: Gordon Food Services

Annual Christmas Sale

Our Annual Christmas Event is coming up quickly... Come and join us for what will be a wonderful shopping experience and get your shopping done early.

Date: Saturday, November 12th

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

What do we have: Jewelry, Christmas Gifts, fur coats, leathers, shoes, purses and all the glamorous Christmas clothing you can think of.

Treasure Cottage Steveston

3800 Moncton Street, Richmond

Telephone: 604-274-8866



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Corina's Corner

Written by SOS BC's Program Director

Homework. Ugh. That seems to be my own response when I think back to grade school and the inevitable task of completing homework. Don't get me started on what emotions the word "test" evokes! The **SOS After School Homework Club** is definitely not resulting in any negative responses. In fact, it is where you will find children dedicated to learning, showing off their creative sides, encouraging one another, and yes, completing homework. The program is intended to provide support to vulnerable children in the community; students who otherwise may have fallen through the cracks.

Who are these vulnerable children? Well, they are everywhere, and they don't wear their vulnerability on their sleeves. On the contrary, they often are excellent at hiding their vulnerabilities until, like a shaken pop can, the "mess" spills out suddenly. The Homework Club is a window through which we can watch for other ways to support them and/or their families. It may be the only intervention that is needed; an opportunity to experience school success and develop self confidence. But if there is a need for further assistance, SOS BC is able to meet their needs, either directly, or through our community colleagues.



Thank you to the **TELUS Vancouver Community Board** for their donation of \$12,000 to SOS BC's after-school Homework Club. This six day per week program launched in the Cloverdale community earlier this month and helps vulnerable children with their academic goals. Thanks TELUS! (Photo: Alistair Fraser from the TELUS Vancouver Community Board presents the cheque to SOS BC staff)

bloom market
artist & designer

Sunday, November 20
11 am to 5 pm

holiday market

shop one-of-a-kind handmade items from 40+ independent artists, crafters & designers!

workshops, demos, music, & prizes!

\$2.5 admission with partial proceeds towards SOS Children's Village BC

Fort Langley Community Hall
9167 Glover Rd

www.bloommarket.ca

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G&F Financial Group donates \$45,100 in proceeds from their 2011 Annual Charity Golf Tournament that took place on September 19, 2011. This brings their three year total to over \$89,000!!! We can't say "THANK YOU" enough to this amazing organization. (Photo: Steven, Bill & Jeff from G&F Financial Group give this years \$45,100 cheque to SOS BC Executive Director, Nicole Minions.