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Surrey, BC - Local RBC team raise more than just Good Karma at their annual "Day of Service"

A group of staff accompanied by family members from the RBC Strawberry Hill Branch came together this Spring to volunteer a day of service at SOS Children's Village BC. The day began with a team meeting with about two dozen eager hands and shortly thereafter the power washing, carpet cleaning and gardening began. Families helping families and all in all a successful fun-filled day for everyone involved. This week, SOS BC was presented with a cheque for \$2,000 as part of their community engagement "Day of Service" program. The funds raised by the team will go directly to support local programs for foster children and vulnerable youth.

SOS Children's Village BC is the only SOS Village located in Canada and is home to five foster families and a community centre on 2.5 acres. Programming such as therapy services, education, arts and camps are provided to children and families in the North Delta, Surrey & Langley areas from the Surrey-based office.

The Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) is the largest financial institution in Canada as measured by Revenues. Serving seventeen million clients and has over 80,000 employees worldwide. In 2011, RBC made over 9,000 donations totalling over \$64 million worldwide, committing a minimum of 1% of pre-tax income to community initiatives.



Caption: Ravi Duhra, Sr. Account Manager (left) and Jacky Gill, Branch Manager (right) from the RBC Strawberry Hill present Nicole Minions, Executive Director at SOS Children's Village BC with a \$2,000 cheque.

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