

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **SOS Children's Village BC partners up with Coast Capital Savings for the 18th annual Parade of Trees Holiday Bash**

Surrey, BC, November 22, 2011 – Get ready to dust off your Santa hats and parkas, and head towards Grouse Mountain on Thursday, December 1 for an evening of wine, appetizers and music at the 18th annual Parade of Trees Holiday Bash. The event is sponsored by Coast Capital Savings and will benefit SOS Children's Village BC, an organization that improves the quality of life of foster children and their foster families through community-based family care services.

"Coast Capital Savings is committed to making our communities stronger," said Wendy Lachance, director, community leadership at Coast Capital Savings. "By sponsoring events like the Parade of Trees Holiday Bash we are able to assist SOS Children's Village as they help strengthen foster families and brighten the lives of children in foster care."

This is that fourth consecutive year Coast Capital Savings has been involved with the Parade of Trees, an event that stretches out for the whole month of December. From December 3 to 24, decorated trees will be displayed on Grouse Mountain for the public to view and raffle tickets will be sold. Prizes include a VIA Rail vacation for two to Jasper, AB, a Helijet trip for two to Victoria and an iPad 2.

The Parade of Trees will be kicked-off with the Holiday Bash on December 1, where attendees can vote for their favourite decorated tree and partake in food and wine and the music of Mathew van Vooght.

"We have a ton of fun at the Holiday Bash at Grouse every year," say Liz Harris, Manager of Corporate/Community Relations and Special Events for SOS Children's Villages BC. "Attendees are guaranteed to have a lovely evening because, on top of the great food and entertainment, we free them of the hassle of parking their cars, the venue is spectacular, and we'll even take care of their gondola ride."

Tickets for the Holiday Bash are \$35.00 and are available online at <http://sosbc.org> or by contacting Harris at 604-574-2964 ext. 228 or email [lizharris@sosbc.org](mailto:lizharris@sosbc.org).

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**SOS Children's Village BC** – SOS BC provides community-based family care services to improve and sustain the quality of life for foster children and foster families through a variety of programs that address social development and healing. Headquartered in Surrey, the organization actively creates opportunities, programs and services to increase stability and continuity for foster children and their foster parents.