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**SOS Children's Village B.C. Honours Past Chair of First West Foundation,
Sally O'Sullivan**

Surrey, British Columbia – On **Tuesday September 24th at 3pm**, SOS Children's Village B.C. will recognize the dedication and support provided by the First West Foundation in making the expansion of their foster Village a reality. The all-day event, which will be held at the Village, will include a Make a Difference Day with over 30 volunteers from Envision Financial undertaking painting and minor repairs followed at 3pm by the **House Naming Ceremony, in honour of Sally O'Sullivan**, past Chair of the First West Foundation. Members of the media are invited to attend the house naming ceremony.

Mr. Douglas Dunn, Executive Director of the SOS Children's Village B.C. explains, "Sally O'Sullivan was instrumental in the construction of two of our five homes on our Village site and we wish to honour her. Sally's passion, energy and belief in SOS BC's village model are a true inspiration and we hope others will follow in her footsteps."

Committed to making a difference for foster children in British Columbia

In 2004 and 2005, the First West Foundation worked to build two new homes for the SOS Children's Village B.C. Envision Financial has also supported the Village in a number of other ways—including employee volunteers and through its Community Capacity Building program with Douglas College.

"At Envision Financial, our goal is to make a meaningful difference in our local communities," says **Seline Kutan, Executive Director of the First West Foundation**. "Thanks to Sally's visionary leadership, we are doing just that for the children and community at SOS Children's Village BC."

About Sally O'Sullivan

Sally O'Sullivan was the Chair of the First West Foundation and instrumental in the development of Houses 4 and 5 on the SOS Children's Village site. Sally passed away in December 2012. 'The mandate of the First West Foundation is to support initiatives that enhance the quality of life in our communities and create capital for sustainable community support.' Sally O'Sullivan

About Envision Financial

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About First West Foundation

The First West Foundation was established in 1996 by the management and board of First West Credit Union. Its purpose is to support initiatives that enhance the quality of life in First West communities and to create capital for sustainable community support by encouraging philanthropy. Since inception, the Foundation has proudly distributed over \$2.3 million in grants to charities.

About SOS Children's Village B.C.

SOS Children's Villages is the world's largest non-governmental, non-denominational child development organization. It has existed for over 60 years with presence in 133 countries and over 550 villages. British Columbia is home to the only SOS Children's Village in Canada. SOS Children's Village B.C. 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.

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