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ANNUAL ROTARY WINE , FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Burnaby's Premiere Wine Tasting Event - April 25, 2015

OUR BENEFICIARIES

♣ **Rotary Sanctioned Literacy Programs**

Intending to make a positive difference for generations to come and believing literacy for all children is a way to a better future, we have begun to implement Rotary literacy programs with net proceeds from our annual festival. In 1985, Rotary declared basic literacy to be a precondition to the development of peace. Through this organizational emphasis, more than half of the world's 34,000 Rotary clubs address the full range of literacy and mathematical challenges for primary, vocational and adult learners and as well as teacher learning. Our Rotary sanctioned literacy program is managed by school personnel for students who are below their grade reading level. This self-paced and interactive program, Computer-Assisted Literacy Solutions (CALs)/Academy of Learning programs is sponsored in Burnaby schools starting with the Maywood Community School. The first 17 students improved their reading level between 1 and 3 grade levels.

♣ **Rotary Fitness Circuit**

Fraser Foreshore Park is a destination for many as part of their health and fitness routine walking the beautiful trail. The 3 Rotary Clubs in Burnaby are partnering with the City of Burnaby to provide an outdoor fitness circuit at Fraser Foreshore Park along a section of the walking trail. This is being planned as a legacy project to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017. It will be designed to maintain the beauty and natural setting of the park. We are working with the City for this project and will provide the public with more information when available.

♣ **Down Syndrome Research Foundation (DSRF)**

DSRF's mission is to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential through life by pioneering and providing educational programs and services, grounded in foundational research. Working with researchers, professionals and families, they are a bridge between research and practice.

www.dsrf.org

⤴ **Rotary International Polio Plus Program**

Major gains have been made in the fight to eradicate polio, Rotary's top priority. In January, India reached a historic milestone by marking a full year without recording a new case of polio. The country is now polio free.

2012 ended with the lowest number of new polio cases in the fewest places ever. There were fewer than 250 reported cases, compared with 350,000 cases in 1985, when Rotary launched this humanitarian initiative to eradicate polio worldwide for a polio-free world. Today, we are "this close" to creating a polio-free world. Overall, the annual number of polio cases has plummeted by more than 99 percent since the initiative was launched in 1985. More than 2 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, preventing 5 million cases of paralysis and 250,000 deaths. Recently the Canadian Government pledged to match up to \$1million for every dollar raised by Rotary clubs. Together with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's additional \$1million every dollar raised is now worth \$3. Help us end polio now.

www.rotary.org/endpolio

Other various Burnaby charities