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PROVINCE SUPPORTS CANUCK PLACE WITH \$3.5-MILLION GRANT

VANCOUVER – B.C. children with life-threatening conditions and their families will benefit from a \$3.5-million contribution to Canuck Place Children’s Hospice to enhance access to respite, end of life and bereavement support services, Premier Gordon Campbell announced today.

“For over a decade, Canuck Place’s palliative care programs and staff have been there to help children and families cope under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, and the Province is proud to be able to be a partner in their work,” said Campbell. “We are all grateful for the essential services that Canuck Place provides. It’s important that we continue to support the staff of Canuck Place as they extend a compassionate and caring hand to the children of B.C. and their families when it is needed most.”

“In partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Canuck Place continues to offer the best possible care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families in British Columbia,” said Filomena Nalewajek, executive director of Canuck Place.

With annual investments through the Provincial Health Services Authority and a series of one-time grants like the funding announced today, the Province provides approximately one third of Canuck Place’s operational funding.

“When we work with agencies in the spirit of compassion, the Province can increase support to children and their families,” said Children and Family Development Minister Stan Hagen. “With this funding, Canuck Place lets parents focus on being with their kids, knowing that there is emotional, physical and financial support when they need it. “

Since opening its doors in 1995, Canuck Place has helped more than 450 families. Families can receive free access to nursing, medical and counselling support services. Canuck Place provides respite, pain and symptom management and end of life care in house to eight children and four families at any one time, while at the same time supporting over 300 families across British Columbia.

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