



FAST FACTS – SOPHIE’S PLACE

- Sophie’s Place will open its doors in February, 2012.
- Sophie’s Place is named for the centre’s patron, Sophie Tweed-Simmons.
- Sophie’s Place will provide service to a large percentage of the over 1000 children, on average, aged 0-12 who are the victims of sexual, mental and physical abuse in the Greater Vancouver region annually.
- Sophie’s Place is a one of a handful of similar facilities in Canada and the first in the Metro Vancouver region.
- A number of agencies, led by the RCMP and the Ministry of Children and Family Services, will work collaboratively in the facility.
- Sophie’s Place will enable the collaborating agencies to respond to child abuse with a professional, compassionate and highly integrated manner that will support the child and will result in higher conviction rates of perpetrators.
- Over 60 community volunteers and a number of local businesses contributed time and donations towards the opening of Sophie’s Place. The construction timeline was less than four weeks.
- The Centre for Child Development of the Lower Mainland, which will house Sophie’s Place within its facility, is the only CARF accredited Interdisciplinary Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Program (Pediatric Specialty Program) in Canada. Established in 1953, The Centre’s Mission is “Helping children with special needs reach their potential”. The Centre

provides specialized pediatric medical rehabilitation services and supports to 2,000 children with special needs and their families through 30,000 service sessions per year throughout Surrey, White Rock, Langley, Delta and other areas of the Lower Mainland.

- Donations to Sophie's Place can be made at: "Sophie's Place Endowment Fund" care of the Child Development Foundation of British Columbia (www.cdfbc.ca T: 604 591 5903; #170B – 7881 128 Street Surrey, BC V3W 4E7. Charitable Tax # 133210229 RR0001
- In Canada in 2008, there were 85,440 cases of child abuse that were substantiated and another 17,918 cases that were unsubstantiated but remained suspect. These figures account for only the cases that are reported and investigated through Canadian Child Welfare services.*
- Statistics have shown that substantiated maltreatment occurs in approximately 14 out of every 1000 children.*

*Statistic Sources: Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect – Major Findings, Public Health Agency of Canada, 2008. □ Child and Youth Victims of Police Reported Violent Crime, 2008— Statistics Canada.

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