

G&F FINANCIAL GROUP RAISES \$124,680 FOR CHILDREN'S PHYSIOTHERAPY GYM

The Centre for Child Development to renovate facilities built in 1974

Surrey, BC – G&F Financial Group far exceeded their fundraising goal at their annual charity golf tournament with the help of generous sponsors and an anonymous donor.

The tournament was held on September 9th at Morgan Creek Golf Course in Surrey, BC, with a goal to raise funds for The Centre for Child Development. While the rest of the Lower Mainland experienced rain throughout the day, 132 golfers enjoyed the sunshine as they played through a series of hole challenges followed by an evening reception. Fiserv was the presenting sponsor. Gold sponsors were Cohen Buchan Edwards, CUMIS, Lamar Transit Advertising, Nobleland Developments Ltd., Ram Construction Inc. and Telus. All donations raised from the tournament were put towards The Centre for Child Development.

Established in 1953, The Centre for Child Development has a singular objective: to help children with special needs reach their potential. The Centre provides physiotherapy, family services, childcare, communication and occupational therapy, and recreation services to thousands of children in Metro Vancouver.

The Centre is in need of renovations in their physiotherapy gym, a place where children learn about their movement. The children are led through therapeutic activities where they are challenging their balance, frequently falling and need to be able to fall safely. The physiotherapy gym is a critical part in the development of children with special needs and facilitates their transition into community programs.

During the reception, a parent advocate for the Centre spoke about their experience raising a child with physical disabilities and how the Centre has supported their child. Gerard Bremault, CEO of The Centre for Child Development, also spoke and noted G&F's "true team spirit" as an organization.

Together with G&F Financial Group, the sponsors and golfers surpassed the initial goal of \$50,000. Funds raised were matched by an anonymous foundation, bringing the total amount to \$124,680. A representative of the foundation stated that the donor had established their fund to support "*the development of children and youth, support the indigenous community and those people of any community that suffer poverty and lack of opportunity.*"

"G&F would like to thank all participants, sponsors and volunteers for their support in making this year's golf tournament an overwhelming success. We are grateful for the generous support of the foundation," say Bill Kiss and Jeff Shewfelt, Co-CEO's, G&F Financial Group. "It is important that we support organizations like The Centre for Child Development and their tireless efforts to improve the lives of children living with special needs."

G&F is proud to give back to communities throughout the Lower Mainland. The credit union regularly gives back in the form of donations, sponsorships, scholarships and bursaries to local charity groups and non-profit initiatives, and is truly dedicated to making a positive and lasting difference to members and the neighbourhoods they call home.

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Co-CEO, G&F Financial Group, Jeff Shewfelt (far right) and Vice President, Member Experience, Peter Kobayashi (far left), present a cheque to Gerard Bremault, CEO of The Centre for Child Development with parent advocate, Amanda Toynbee.

