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## VARIETY – THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY HONOURS LOCAL SUPPORTERS

**Burnaby, BC (May 19, 2010)** – Variety – The Children's Charity will be holding their annual Heart Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond. The Heart Awards Dinner honours long serving members, volunteers and corporate supporters and celebrates the many achievements of the recipients and their exceptional service to Variety and the children of British Columbia who have special needs.

Vancouver resident, Will Webster, is the recipient of the evening's major honour, the Heart Award, which is presented to an outstanding person who has devoted time, effort and rendered incredible service to the work of Variety over the years. Will first joined Variety Ontario in 1974. Upon moving to British Columbia he quickly joined Variety of BC in 1990. He served as both Vice President and President of the Board. In 2003, Will and his cousin Peter Webster were co-recipients of Variety's most prestigious award of distinction, the *Golden Heart Community Achievement Award*, presented to those individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the community and to Canada.

Sixteen other individuals will be honoured with awards, including Mike McCardell of Global BC. The city of Nanaimo will also be recognized for their continued support of Variety. The evening will once again be hosted by Global BC News Anchor Sophie Lui and Tammy Corness. Guests will also enjoy a performance by Elvis impersonator Alan LeBlanc. Global BC, River Rock Casino Resort, Charlie's Chocolate Factory, Metro Flowers, Howe Sound, Tempest Photo, Township 7 Vineyards & Winery, Eternal Legends, Plowright Printing and Rod Boss are the evening's sponsors.

Please join us for this wonderful evening of recognition. Tickets are available by calling 604.320.0505 or by visiting [www.variety.bc.ca/heartawards.htm](http://www.variety.bc.ca/heartawards.htm). Door prizes include a one night stay for two at the River Rock.

*Variety – The Children's Charity raises funds to inspire hope, enrich lives and build a better future for children in BC who have special needs. Since 1965, Variety – The Children's Charity has raised more than \$155 million in support of children and families in the province.*

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