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VARIETY – THE CHILDREN’S CHARITY HONOURS LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Burnaby, BC (June 28, 2011) – Variety – The Children’s Charity held their annual Heart Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 22nd at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond. The Heart Awards honour 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.

North Vancouver resident, Keri Nelson, was 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. Keri works for Global BC and produces the Variety Show of Hearts Telethon every year. Keri lives and breathes for Variety, and gives her all to Telethon. She goes above and beyond and always takes the time to make personal connections with the families and children she meets through Variety.

Twenty-two other individuals were honoured with awards, including Howard Blank, Vice President - Media, Entertainment and Responsible Gaming with Great Canadian Casinos who received the Barker of the Year Award. Other recipients included Edward and Beverley Lawson and Jack Bibby, all long standing members who have been instrumental in making Variety what it is today. The city of Surrey was also recognized for their continued support of Variety.

The evening was hosted by Jane Carrigan of Global BC. Guests enjoyed a performance by 12 year old singing sensation, Cole Armour and winner of Variety’s Got Talent 2011, Shylo Sharity. This evening was sponsored by Global BC, River Rock Casino Resort, Charlie’s Chocolate Factory, Metro Flowers, Expressive Motion Photography and Plowright Printing.

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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