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**FOOD FIGHT! THE BATTLE FOR BRUNCH**

*The latest food event in Vancouver raises thousands for Variety!*

**Burnaby, BC (June 28, 2010)** – On June 27<sup>th</sup>, *Food Fight! The Battle for Brunch*, Variety – The Children's Charity's brand new fundraising event, brought together some of BC's finest chefs in a battle for best brunch. Guests sampled each delicious offering and cast their ballot to declare one chef the *Food Fight* champ! Close to 300 foodies and their friends enjoyed a gorgeous harbor front view at the Vancouver Convention Centre as well as an auction which featured some incredible items courtesy of the participating restaurants and other local favourites.

Event contenders were the Executive Chefs from LIFT Bar & Grill, MARKET at Shangri-La, O'Doul's Restaurant and Bar, River Rock Casino Resort, Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Resort and YEW Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel. After the ballots were cast Chef Eric Edwards of Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Resort in Parksville, with his delicious Warm Nanoose Edibles' Spinach Salad and Sweet Potato Waffle with Pecan Compote was declared the Food Fight champ! Runner up was Oliver Beckert of YEW Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver who made an incredible Crab and Poached Egg Sandwich and Donuts with Small Quenelle of Chocolate Mascarpone

The event was emceed by Vancouver personality, Fred Lee, who did a fantastic job entertaining the crowd as well as served as auctioneer. The event raised over \$38,000 with almost \$12,000 brought in through the live and silent auction alone. All funds will be used by Variety to support children in British Columbia who have special needs.

Food Fight! was made possible thanks in part to incredibly generous event sponsors, MarketPlace IGA and The Vancouver Convention Centre.

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

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