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Variety - the Children's Charity of BC announces CEO transition

(Burnaby, BC) Variety BC today announced that Kristy Gill has decided to step down as Chief Executive Officer. The charity's Board of Directors has named Director of Development, Cally Wesson as interim CEO for a period of six months to oversee day-to-day operations, while the board develops a permanent strategy for moving into the future.

"It has been an incredible honour to have led Variety BC for the last two years as CEO, and I am extremely confident in its future," said Gill. "I am especially proud of the team we have created that makes this organization such a special place to work. We have accomplished a tremendous amount together for the benefit of the families who rely on us, and I could not be more confident in Variety's future under Cally, our Board, and the team going forward."

For the past four weeks, Gill has worked closely with Wesson, the Board, and Variety's senior leadership team to ensure a smooth transition. There will be no change in the organization's mandate, programming, or strategic objectives.

The organization's most recent event, The Gold Heart Gala, raised a record \$550,000 – a fitting conclusion to Gill's tenure, which was perhaps best defined by the charity's reintroduction to a whole new audience of major donors and supporters.

"It has been our absolute privilege to have Kristy's excellent leadership," said Board Chair, Shirley Stocker. "During her time at the helm of Variety, Kristy has been a stabilizing force, an innovative fundraiser, a charismatic personality, and a true champion for children with special needs and their families in British Columbia. We want to wish her success in her new endeavors, and we will miss her."

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About Variety - the Children's Charity:

Variety - the Children's Charity steps in where health care ends, providing direct help to children with special needs in BC and the Yukon. For over 50 years Variety has ensured children have the support to reach their potential.

Together, we can be there when a family needs us the most.



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Since 2010 Variety has distributed more than \$30 million in funding to families and organizations in communities all across the province. With your help, we can raise even more!

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