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***Bob & Barbara Stewart to be Honoured with Variety's Gold Heart Award***

**(Burnaby, BC)** – Variety BC is pleased to announce that longtime Variety members Bob and Barbara Stewart will be honoured with Variety's Gold Heart Award at their annual Gold Heart Gala to be held at the Fairmont Pacific Rim on Thursday, September 27.

Bob is a former Chief of the Vancouver Police Department and served as Variety's Chief Barker in 1994, 1995, 1996, 2007 and 2008. Barbara was Variety's first woman Chief Barker and creative mastermind behind Variety's hugely successful Gold Pin program that was launched in 1991.

"We are extremely proud to be recognizing Bob and Barbara," said Cally Wesson, Variety BC CEO. "They have both contributed to Variety in many ways through time, talent and treasure. Their passion for improving the lives of children is a global inspiration."

The Gold Heart Award is Variety BC's most prestigious mark of distinction honouring individuals who have done transformational work in the community. The event will once again be chaired by television personality and producer, Mary Zilba. The former Miss Ohio and mother of three boys is thrilled to be part of this premier Vancouver Gala.

In addition to the Gold Heart Award presentation, the evening will also include live entertainment, a multi-course dinner and both a live and a silent auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available now. For more information, please contact Meghan Bradner at 604.268.3889 or [meghan.bradner@variety.bc.ca](mailto:meghan.bradner@variety.bc.ca).

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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. For over 50 years, Variety has ensured children have the support to reach their potential. 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! For additional information on how you can support Variety - the Children's Charity, visit [variety.bc.ca](http://variety.bc.ca) or call 604.320.0505.

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