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Variety BC's 'One Night in the Valley' Raises Over \$155,000

(Burnaby, BC) – It was a ‘One Night’ to remember when Variety - the Children’s Charity held its “One Night in the Valley” Gala at the Cloverdale Agriplex on Saturday, April 27.

Presented by the Joseph Richard Group and chaired by Anna Mullens, Producer of *Unapologetically Her*, the fundraising event was attended by more than 300 guests and raised over \$155,000. The evening began with a Red Carpet Tailgate featuring live entertainment from singers Cambree Lovesy and Shylo Sharity. Following the reception, the drapes opened up to a stunning room that captured the feel of upscale country complete with grazing stations, a whiskey tasting lounge and Preston GM’s 2019 trucks line-up including the all-new Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra.

Following emcee, Global BC Station Manager & News Director, Jill Krop’s welcoming remarks and a sumptuous, mouth-watering BBQ feast prepared by Blank Canvas Catering, guests were treated to a country-line dancing set by Zynth & Co, a musical performance from singer Todd Richard and an emotionally heartfelt speech delivered by Harmony Watts whose 3-year-old daughter, Abby was born with Down Syndrome and who has been helped by Variety for her mobility challenges.

The highlight of the evening was Special Guest, platinum-selling & multi-CCMA Award-winning country recording artist, Dallas Smith who had the crowd jumping out of their seats and dancing to his roster of hits including “Autograph,” “Make ‘Em Like You” and his most recent single, “Rhinestone World”.

“I am so pleased with the success of this event and would like to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to Ryan Moreno and his phenomenal team at the Joseph Richard Group,” said Cally Wesson, CEO, Variety BC. “Thanks also to Preston GM’s Peter Heppner along with all of our amazing sponsors, volunteers and generous guests. Because of you and your support, we’ll be able to help even more kids with special needs and their families in the Fraser Valley. This is just the beginning!”

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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 that 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 details on how you can support Variety - the Children’s Charity, visit variety.bc.ca or call 604.320.0505.

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