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***Kenton Boston Among Honourees at Variety BC's Red Heart Awards***

**(Burnaby, BC)** – Variety - the Children's Charity is pleased to announce the recipients of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual *Red Heart Awards Celebration* recognizing individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond in supporting BC's kids with special needs.

Held at the Grand Villa Casino Hotel & Conference Centre on Wednesday, December 5, the event was hosted by Global BC Anchor & Reporter, Jennifer Palma while the Awards were presented by Howard Blank, Variety President & Chief Barker. In total, 19 recipients were honoured in twelve categories for outstanding individuals or groups who have devoted their time to make a truly exceptional impact, This year's Barbara Stewart Heart Award honouree was Kenton Boston, VP National & Network News, Global News and Variety Board Member & Telethon Co-Chair.

List of 2019 *Variety Red Heart Award* Recipients:

<p><i>Barbara Stewart Heart Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kenton Boston</b></li> </ul>	<p><i>Barker of the Year Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Linda Stewart</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>Art Jones Pioneer Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sharon Reinstadler</b></li> </ul>	<p><i>Youth Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brayden Grozdanich</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Family Ambassador Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Cardle Family</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>Corporate Hero Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Miss 604</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Angel Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jack Hill</b></li> <li>• <b>Natasha Jategaonkar</b></li> <li>• <b>Sarbjit Gill</b></li> </ul>	<p><i>Committee With A Heart Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Variety at Work</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Community With A Heart Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Aiyansh</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>Colleen Wood Fundraising Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>W J Weaver Foundation</b></li> </ul>	<p><i>Hey Rube Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arlene MacDonald</b></li> <li>• <b>Jo-Anne Wolanski</b></li> <li>• <b>Christine Manzer</b></li> </ul>
<p><i>Telethon Award</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bill Senghera</b></li> <li>• <b>Lennea Durant</b></li> <li>• <b>Leroy Dunn</b></li> <li>• <b>Paul Lifton</b></li> </ul>	



**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 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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