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## Variety BC Overwhelmed by Number of Autism Assessment Inquiries

**(Burnaby, BC)** – Variety - the Children's Charity is struggling to deal with the overwhelming number of inquiries they've received from families across the province since announcing earlier this month that they would begin funding private autism assessments.

"In the last month, we have received close to 1,000 inquiries from families for funding for autism assessments," said Cally Wesson, Variety BC CEO. "To help every family that's waiting, we are projecting an initial \$3,000,000 in funding and are looking for help from British Columbians."

Variety will be partnering with Mosaic Executive Search to kick start a fundraising campaign encouraging other companies, philanthropists and community members to help provide financial support for families in need.

Mosaic is a leading executive search firm based in Vancouver and is committed to the full inclusion of individuals with autism/diverse abilities and the caregivers that support them in the workplace.

"As a parent of a child on the autism spectrum, I appreciate the role early diagnosis and assessment can play in the long-term well-being and inclusion of both the child and their family," said Dave Namkung, founder of Mosaic Executive Search. "We are thrilled to be partnering with Variety to help bring these critical resources to families who may otherwise not have the means to access support in a timely manner."

To learn more about how you can support Variety's funding autism assessments, contact Meghan Bradner at 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 55 years, Variety has ensured children have the support to reach their potential. Since 2010, Variety has distributed more than \$33 million in funding to families and organizations in communities all across the province.

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