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Port community lends support to those in need

Vancouver, B.C.: Each year, the port authority stands alongside port terminals, DP World, Fraser Surrey Docks, Global Container Terminals, and Western Stevedoring, to support communities in need through the annual Port Gala.

In 2015, three local organizations, Mission Possible, Harvest Project, and Reach Child and Youth Development Society, each received \$80,000 from the port community.

"The port exists to facilitate Canada's trade objectives, and to serve the people who live in this region and across the country," said Robin Silvester, President and Chief Executive Officer, Port Metro Vancouver. "The port authority, port tenants and terminals strive to be good neighbours to the communities we operate in, and the Port Gala is just one way we try to give back."

Last year marked the 16th year for the Port Gala, an event that brings together port terminals, suppliers and others to help raise awareness and funds for important community organizations. The gala took place on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel in Vancouver. A record number 500 guests attended the event and approximately \$240,000 was raised for communities in need.

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of those who helped organize the event and to those who attended and contributed to it," continued Robin Silvester. "I am proud to be a part of the port community."

"As terminal operators, we recognize the importance of being an active participant in the communities in which we are located. Our members employ thousands of employees, spend in excess of \$450 million on goods and services within the province and contribute to numerous community initiatives," said Brad Eshleman, Chair, BC Marine Terminal Operators Association. "We are pleased to continue supporting this event as well as others to help those in need in our communities."

Since 1999, the port community has raised more than \$1.84 million through the annual gala.

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