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## **G&F FINANCIAL GROUP RAISES \$132,000 FOR THE CENTRE FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

*Funds to support ongoing renovations at aging facility.*

**Burnaby, BC** – For the second year running, G&F Financial Group has exceeded their fundraising goal on behalf of The Centre for Child Development.

In 2019, the credit union committed to three years of fundraising for The Centre and had planned to raise the funds through their annual golf tournament. Due to COVID-19 physical distancing restrictions, G&F pivoted to an online fundraiser and set a modest goal to raise \$50,000. However, with incredible support from sponsors and individual donors—and a matching donation from an anonymous donor—the total amount raised as of September 25<sup>th</sup> was \$132,000.

Established in 1953, The Centre for Child Development has a singular objective: to help children with special needs reach their potential. The Centre provides physiotherapy, family services, childcare, communication and occupational therapy, and recreation services to thousands of children in Metro Vancouver.

*“When the Centre was built in the ‘70s it was built to serve hundreds of kids, not the three thousand kids we support now. With our next phase we will replace the 35-year-old windows and put in a new HVAC system with air conditioning so the children and the staff can be really comfortable. Thank you for making a real difference in the lives of the special children that we serve, particularly right now during these challenging times,” says Gerard Bremault, CEO, The Centre for Child Development.*

*“We’re extremely grateful for G&F Financial Group’s support over the past 21 years. Thank you to our sponsors for stepping up during these challenging times. Thank you for being there for us, and with us, and for all our children and families”*

G&F Financial Group is tremendously grateful to the sponsors who have stepped up and donated generously to The Centre. Presenting sponsors were Fiserv and Ram Construction Inc. Eagle sponsors were Owen Bird Law Corporation, All in One Mortgages Group, and Majid Khoury Holdings Inc.. Birdie sponsors were Aldergrove Credit Union, Fusion Projects, Technicost, Landcor Data Corporation, Valley Law Group LLP, Powell, Gray & Kim LLP, Pro-line Fittings Inc., Telus, Aviso Wealth, Prospera Credit Union, Kensington Union Bay Estates and Teamsters Local Union No. 213.

*“This event is focused on our community partnership with The Centre for Child Development. Even though our golf tournament looked a lot different this year, together we did make a big impact in our communities.” say Bill Kiss and Jeff Shewfelt, Co-CEOs, G&F Financial Group.*

*“We want to thank our generous sponsors, you’ve really gone above and beyond, given the circumstances we find ourselves in. We didn’t have a golf tournament to sponsor and yet you all showed up and you committed generously to our cause this year.”*

G&F is proud to give back to communities throughout the Lower Mainland. The credit union regularly gives back in the form of donations, sponsorships, scholarships and bursaries to local charity groups and non-profit initiatives, and is dedicated to making a positive and lasting difference to members and the neighbourhoods they call home.

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Amanda and Keira Toynbee with Gerard Bremault, CEO, The Centre for Child Development. December 2019.

Watch a video about The Centre here: <https://youtu.be/edkC8u2v4-w>