

Club Provides \$128,941 to Support Community Health and Child Welfare

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The Rotary Club of Kelowna's first 'Season for Giving Calendar' fundraiser conducted during December, 2021, was completely sold out raising \$151,190 with all of the funds directed to support community humanitarian projects. According to Chris Murphy and Stuart Lang during a presentation to the Rotary club on December 14th, the funds were generated with the cash sponsorship and contributions from club members amounting to \$6110, community sponsorships contributing \$27,750 and calendar sales generating \$119,330.



The net profit funds generated from the fundraiser will be donated to the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation and the Child Advocacy Centre, both nonprofits receiving \$51,576.62; while the club will retain \$25,788.30 to be used to support additional projects within the community.

The funds donated to the KGH Foundation and to CAC will have a great impact in providing support for those in need within the Okanagan and beyond. Ginny Becker, Executive Director, Child Advocacy Centre in late December expressed her thoughts on this impact. *"What Have You Done? Let me tell you. You have created an environment where children who have been hurt or mistreated can feel safe and supported. You have provided an opportunity for children and families to find comfort and care. You have restored the dignity of some of our community's most vulnerable and ensured that they can find a path toward healing. You have shown our team that they are deeply valued for the difficult work that they do. And most of all, you have been the everyday heroes that make all of this possible."*