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keep them updated with Easter Seals BC/Yukon!**

As summer comes to a close and we celebrate another successful camp season, we're taking a moment to celebrate the incredible ways Lions Clubs across BC and Yukon have been supporting Easter Seals and the communities we serve.

From camperships and accessible camps to renovations at Easter Seals House and community events, your generosity and hands-on support continue to make a meaningful difference. Here are a few highlights from the past few months.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE IN NANAIMO



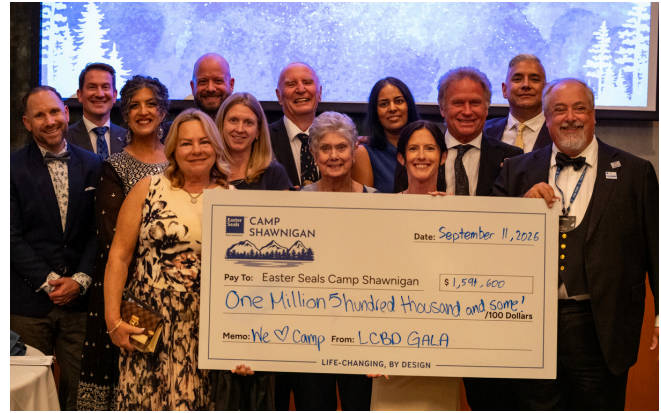
On August 22, the Nanaimo Lions Club celebrated an incredible 80 years of serving the Nanaimo community with Celebrating Community at Maffeo Sutton Park.

The event brought together community organizations and groups the Nanaimo Lions have supported throughout their eight decades of service. Participating organizations had the opportunity to showcase their programs and services and connect with the wider community.

Neil Haley, a BC Lions Society Board Member, and Shannon, Major Gifts Manager, represented our organization at the celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the Nanaimo Lions Club's longstanding commitment to the community and thank them for their continued support of the BC Lions Society.

Happy 80th anniversary, Nanaimo Lions!

LIONS HELP MAKE PGA WEEK A RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS



What an incredible week for Camp Shawnigan.

Our **Life-Changing, by Design Gala** raised **more than \$1.6 million**, contributing to an extraordinary \$1.7 million raised throughout the Digital Commerce Group Open that took place at Uplands Golf Club in support of Camp Shawnigan all last week. Together, we achieved something remarkable: our fundraising total topped all PGA TOUR Americas events this year.

None of this would have been possible without our local Lions Clubs, lead by the Victoria Chinatown Lioness Lions Club, other local Lions Clubs, and community volunteers.

Throughout the week, Lions members came together to help run the tournament attendance gates, welcome guests and support the many moving pieces that made the week a success. Lions also joined us at the gala, helping ensure every detail of the evening ran smoothly.

To every Lion who volunteered their time, energy and enthusiasm: thank you. Your continued commitment to the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and Camp Shawnigan is an important part of this achievement, and we are deeply grateful to have you alongside us.

VERNON LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Vernon Lions Club once again showed what happens when Lions come together for a great cause.

At their annual Golf Tournament for Camp Winfield on May 30, the club raised more than \$23,000 toward camperships, helping ensure children and young adults can experience the magic of Easter Seals Camp.

Thank you, Vernon Lions, for another incredible tournament and for helping make summer camp possible for campers who might otherwise face financial barriers.

SUMMER AT CAMP

This summer, Lions were once again an important part of the camp community. Our Camp Winfield Open House on July 12 welcomed approximately 80 Lions, camp families and supporters. A special thank you to the Vernon, Kamloops Paddlewheelers and Sorrento Lions Clubs for helping with the BBQ and making the day such a success. Thank you to the Logan Lake Lions Club, who presented a cheque for camperships at the Open House.



At the Camp Squamish Open House on July 19, approximately 80 Lions, camp families and supporters came together to celebrate camp. Thank you to the Squamish Lions Club, who brought their own trailer and BBQ and took care of the cooking!

We loved seeing so many familiar Lions faces at both open houses. Your continued presence at camp is a reminder that these places truly belong to the communities that support them.

LIONS HELP CREATE A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Lions Clubs are also helping make Easter Seals House a more welcoming and comfortable place for families travelling to Vancouver for medical treatment. Thanks to the North Surrey, Logan Lake, Enderby and Maple Ridge Lions Clubs, the renovation of Room 301 at Easter Seals House was completed on April 27.

And there's more good news, with a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Room 305 was completed on August 28. A special thank you to LCIF and Lion Rick Siebel of the North Surrey Lions Club for spearheading both renovation initiatives.

We're incredibly grateful for the Lions who continue to invest in Easter Seals House and the families who rely on it.



DROP ZONE 2026

Our 2026 Drop Zone season is underway, with events taking place across BC.

We're so grateful to the many Lions members who are stepping up as brave superheroes throughout September! From volunteering at our Drop Zone events to rappelling, your support plays a huge role in making each event a success. Thank you for always being there to help our community soar!

TOGETHER, LIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lions Clubs have raised approximately **\$222,068 for Easter Seals so far this fiscal year**. With the end of our fiscal year approaching on September 30, there is still time to make a difference. Every donation helps provide opportunities, support families and create greater accessibility for children and young adults across BC and Yukon. A heartfelt thank you to the clubs who have donated since our last Lions Den:

Ashcroft	Hope	Lumby	Port Coquitlam	Sidney	Vernon
Barriere	Kettle River	Nanaimo	Quesnel	Squamish	Wasa District
Baynes Sound	Lake Country	North Kamloops	Richmond	Vancouver	Williams Lake
Duncan	Ladysmith	North Surrey	Chinatown	Renfrew	
Esquimalt	Logan Lake	Penticton	Saanich		

We also want to recognize the North Surrey Lions Club, who dropped off a \$500 campership donation during their recent visit to Easter Seals House.

A Few Ways Your Club Can Get Involved

> Help complete an Easter Seals House renovation

We are still seeking a couple of Lions Clubs to partner with the Whitehorse and Port Coquitlam Lions Clubs to complete another Easter Seals House room renovation. Together, these clubs have already contributed \$14,500 toward the \$25,000 needed to complete the project.

> Invite us to your club

Would your club like an in-person or virtual presentation from the BC Lions Society and Easter Seals BC/Yukon? Reach out to Michele for the Okanagan and Shannon for Vancouver Island to arrange a visit.

> Host a Fundraising Event

If your club is hosting fundraising events in support of Easter Seals, we would be delighted to receive a short write-up and photos. It is always inspiring to share and celebrate the incredible work Lions are doing in communities across BC.

> Become a Member

If you haven't renewed your membership for fiscal 2026/2027, please take a moment to do so and continue your support in the year ahead. Your ongoing involvement is appreciated.

A Quick Donation Reminder

If your club is planning a donation, please include a designation in the cheque memo indicating where you would like the funds directed. If no designation is provided, funds will be allocated based on priority needs.

We receive club contact information through MD19 and appreciate your support in keeping executive details up to date following elections. This helps us stay connected and share relevant updates throughout the year.

Thank you, Lions, for everything you do. Whether you are raising funds, flipping burgers at camp, renovating a room at Easter Seals House, attending an open house or simply spreading the word, you are helping create opportunities for children, young adults and families with disabilities across BC and Yukon.

With gratitude,

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