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NEWS RELEASE

The number is in! \$13,868.00 was raised at British Hydraulics 4th Annual Fundraiser – *Puttin On the Glitz* – benefitting The BC Centre for Ability, held Saturday May 5th.

The Co-Coordinator, Darlana Mancuso of Get It Done Diva, had the amenities room at British Hydraulics transformed into a Beautiful Crystal Ballroom. The sold-out event was attended by 120 very amazing, generous people, where they enjoyed fine Italian food catered by Orlando's Catering of New Westminster and were entertained by the Master of Ceremony, Doktor Strange and his amazing magic tricks.

The Guest of Honor, Ronnie Negus, Spokesperson for the BC Centre of Ability and one of the Real Housewives of Vancouver, shared her daughter Remy's amazing story. Remy was born premature, weighing only 2 lbs and has overcome all her struggles to survive. She is a beautiful little girl, a true gift.

In addition to our Guest of Honor, celebrities also in attendance were Anne Drewa of Global News, Designer Carola Bun of The House of Bun, Actor Adrian Holmes of Supernatural, Battlestar Galactica and Smallville, just to name a few of his credits and Artist, Brent Ray Fraser.

Doktor Strange did a fantastic job of auctioning off the amazing items that were so generously donated. Just to list a few, Air & Accommodations to a private house with pool in Palm Springs – donated by the Fred Beck Family, Custom made 50" Swarovski Pearl Necklace – donated by The House of Bun, Bowen Island B & B with private yacht transportation by the Negus Family – donated by Ardtara Luxury Cottages, and A Day at the Spa – donated by Filomena Salon Spa.

Kim Helman, President of Carats, The Colored Diamond Company, donated a \$3500 Diamond & Platinum Pendant for the Reverse Draw. This is the 3rd time Carats has supplied the Grand Prize for our Events.

There were 20 Silent Auction Items and the attendees had fun outbidding each other. Items of note included an Original Design Dress by Clarisky Business, a Danby 48 Bottle Wine Fridge – donated by Fluidseal, a Breville Espresso Machine – donated by Golden Ears Electric, a Whole Prosciutto – donated by GianCarlo Deli and much, much more.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and made this possible. This event brings the Total Raised To Date of \$43,000 in support of Local Charities. Congratulations to all of you!

Sincerely,

Franco & Melanie Balletta