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VICTORIA WOMEN'S  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EXTRAORDINARY FUNDRAISING EFFORTS REACH NEARLY \$1 MILLION**

**VICTORIA--** The Victoria Golf Club (VGC) Links to Change charity events in July 2013 raised over \$138,000 for two local charities: Pacific Centre Family Services Association (PCFSA) and the Victoria Women's Transition House. The Victoria Golf Club has been hosting golf-related charity events for the past 18 years. They have supported the Victoria Women's Transition House for the past 12 years, raising over \$813,000 for the organization. Each year the Club and the Charity Events Committee put tremendous time and effort into supporting initiatives to address family violence in our region. Family violence impacts a substantial number of women and families and can create long term adverse consequences.

The Victoria Women's Transition House Society (VWTH) provides shelter, support, counselling and education to women, youth and children so that they can live free from the effects of abuse in intimate relationships.

"We are so pleased to continue our valued relationship with the Victoria Golf Club through their annual charity tournament," says VWTH Executive Director, Makenna Rielly. "The Annual VGC Charity Tournament is the single largest fundraiser for our programs and services to support women and children who have experienced domestic abuse and we continue to be in awe of the commitment and energy demonstrated by their volunteer organizing committee every year.

"In addition to helping us to provide much-needed support services for women and their children, hundreds of crisis line phone calls are answered and hundreds of meals are served at our shelter because of the funds raised through this tournament. We are immensely grateful."

This year for the first time, the Victoria Golf Club invited PCFSA to participate and benefit from the Links to Change Charity Events. PCFSA is celebrating 45 years of serving the community with family support and counseling services, including the Safer Families program to prevent family violence.

"It is an amazing effort to have raised this amount of money and so significant in our current funding climate," says PCFSA Executive Director, Mitzi Dean. "Of course, it ultimately means we can serve more families".

The Links to Change Charity Events included Men's, Women's and Mixed tournaments and a fabulous gala.

"The Victoria Golf Club is delighted to play a key role in these two charities' fund raising efforts," says Links to Change Charity Events co-chair, Catherine Langpap. "In addition to the hard working Charity Events Committee and the Victoria Golf Club staff, I'd like to give special thanks to our sponsors and donors, most of whom are fellow Victoria Golf Club members. The event raised \$138,500 in total this year, a major injection of funding for programming for families in the Greater Victoria region. With continued generosity from Sponsors and Donors the Charity Events may break the magic \$1 million mark in 2014."

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Find out more about [Victoria Golf Club's Links to Change](#) charity tournament online.

Visit the [Victoria Women's Transition House Society](#) website to see comprehensive information on their services.

See [Pacific Centre Family Services Association](#) online for more information.

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