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City Thanks Partners for National Child Day Community Celebration

The National Child Day Committee would like to thank the scores of volunteers, businesses and service clubs that supported a true community event during this year's National Child Day November 20th.

"Fire trucks, ambulances, clowns, crafts and music are always huge attractions for kids, and several local heroes were at the Community Centre to help create a memorable National Child Day event for participants," says program coordinator Jan Sandholm.

The City of Campbell River Parks, Recreation and Culture Department, Sunrise Resources, Laichwiltach Family Life Society, Family Place, MISA, Success by 6, Understanding the Early Years and PacificARE planned this annual event to celebrate the importance of families and the rights of children. National Child Day commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which recognize that children have basic human rights and gives them additional rights to protect them from harm. The Convention also recognizes the important role of the family in bringing up children.

"National Child Day events presented an opportunity to celebrate Campbell River as a terrific place to raise a family," affirms Sandholm. "Safety Zone" featured Miss Judy, the Safety Clown and all her friends. Parents and preschoolers enjoyed the age-appropriate interactive fun designed to educate about traffic awareness, fire safety and interactions with animals. Other family favourites at the annual Child Day celebration included the Sock Hop, Play Doh Centre, Story Station, Shoo-Shoo the Clown, Make It and Take It, Family Gym, West Coast Family Place and the ever-growing favorite: Cardboard City.

For information about more family-focused programs, such as the upcoming Family New Years event, pick up a Recreation Guide today at the Sportsplex, Community Centre, or Strathcona Gardens. Check out the City of Campbell River website at www.campbellriver.ca and follow the links for residents. Telephone the Parks, Recreation & Culture offices at the Community Centre, 250-286-1161, or the Sportsplex, 250-923-7911.

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