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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Vancouver Pride Society Announces Legacy Fund Recipients**

Vancouver, British Columbia (November 10, 2011) – The Vancouver Pride Society, (VPS) is pleased to announce the community organizations that have been chosen as recipients of this year's Legacy Fund. Each year the Vancouver Pride Society hosts a silent auction as part of our Taste of Pride event in April. All of the proceeds from the silent auction go into the Legacy Fund, which in 2011 raised just under \$5,000 to assist local non-profits, charitable or registered charities that have demonstrated a commitment to reach out and serve the greater Vancouver lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer, (LGBTQQ) community.

This year's recipients include the AIDS Vancouver, Green Thumb Theatre, Lighthouse of Hope, Metro Vancouver Dream Centre Society, Out in Schools, QMUNITY, Rainbow Community Church, SHER Vancouver, Trans Alliance Society, and WAVAW. Each of these groups has contributed to the visibility and vibrancy of the LGBTQQ community, but has also worked to strengthen our shared sense of community, inclusiveness, health and overall well-being for all persons in our community.

VPS President Ken Coolen states "At the core of our organization is a belief that we can help to create community through Pride. Most people see that as the Parade, but the Parade is really the culmination of our community's ongoing efforts year round. As such, we are so pleased to work with and support LGBTQQ organizations that are doing great work in our community".

The 2012 Taste of Pride event will be hosted on Wednesday April 4, 2012 at the Roundhouse, where these organizations and their ongoing work will be showcased in addition to other outreach initiatives that the VPS engages in throughout the year. The Vancouver Pride Society remains focused on contributing to our community in meaningful ways and is pleased to recognize the ongoing efforts of many organizations and individuals throughout the year. Congratulations to all 10 recipients and thank you for your work in our community!

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