



\$315,000 Raised for BC Children's Hospital at Inaugural Hooked on Miracles Fishing Tournament

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Vancouver— \$315,000 was raised for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation at the inaugural Hooked on Miracles Charity Fishing Tournament, according to results released today by event organizers. The tournament, held at the Middle Beach Lodge in Tofino between June 17 and June 20, brought together world-class fishing guides and members of BC's mining industry who raised funds through live auctions and by donating the \$100,000 "biggest fish" prize to the Foundation. Taseko Mines' Scott Jones won this year's tournament with a salmon weighing 29 pounds.

"I am pleased to report that we have exceeded our fundraising target," said Dave Sharples, co-chair of Hooked on Miracles. Participants bid more than expected during live auctions on items such as fishing excursions donated by guides. "Hooked on Miracles participants understand the importance of giving back to their local community, and this event is one more opportunity for them to support an organization that helps children and their families when they are most vulnerable" added Co-Chair Allan Cloke.

Funds raised at Hooked on Miracles will be donated to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation through the Mining for Miracles campaign, the mining industry's charity of choice. "Annual fundraising events, like Hooked on Miracles, provide substantial funding for the hospital," explains Dr. Bruce Verchere, Head of the Diabetes Research Program at The Child & Family Research Institute at BC Children's Hospital and Hooked on Miracles participant. "The support the BC mining industry provides is crucial for maintaining the highest level of care possible at BC Children's. We are grateful for their strong ongoing commitment."

Fishing charter guides were also pleased with the tournament's fundraising results and with news that the tournament will be held again in Tofino in 2012. "All of the guides who took part in this inaugural derby were really proud to do so," said Allan Chase, head guide for Hooked on Miracles. "There is not a single person here who has not been touched by the great things that BC Children's provides, especially to the children of small communities such as ours. Hearing that the event is returning and growing has created quite the buzz within the community and we look forward to building on the success of the first one."

Hooked on Miracles was made possible by generous sponsorships from: Taseko Mines Ltd; Imperial Metals; Copper Mountain Mining Corporation; Huckleberry Mines Ltd; Compliance Energy Corporation; Lions Gate Metals; Ledcor Group; SMS Equipment; and Arrow Transportation Systems Inc. In-kind donations were also made by: Escott Sport Fishing; Everything Wine; Far West Outdoor Apparel; Hawksworth Restaurant; Tofino Bus; Tofino House; West Pacific Seafoods; and Honeycomb Creative.

The Hooked on Miracles Charity Fishing Tournament is organized by volunteers from BC's mining industry, BC Children's Hospital, BC Children's Hospital Foundation and the District of Tofino.

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For more information about the Hooked On Miracles 2011 Fishing Tournament please visit

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