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Tsawwassen First Nations Construction and Matcon Civil Joint Venture reward students fundraising



South Delta Secondary School student Taylor Baker (from right) presents Reach Child and Youth Development Society President Rob VanSpronsen, Foundation Chair Irene Forcier and Executive Director Renie D'Aquila with a \$2,000 cheque towards Reach's new building project, donated by Tsawwassen First Nations Construction and Matcon Civil Joint Venture.

A group of Delta Secondary School students were recognized for their fundraising efforts and awarded a \$2,000 donation towards Reach Child and Youth Development Society by Tsawwassen First Nations Construction and Matcon Civil Joint Venture.

Student Taylor Baker, Christine Whitty, Amber Hastings, and Cody McGill chose Reach for a school fundraising project in honour of Taylor's younger brother who has autism. The students visited the Reach Preschool in Ladner and learned about the programs Reach has for children with autism and other developmental disabilities. For their project the students developed a presentation and video that captured their experience with the children and included information on the Reach organization.

Renie D'Aquila, Executive Director for Reach Child and Youth Development Society invited the students to be recognized at Reach's 2012 Annual General Meeting event 'Tapping Teen Potential' on October 20th. "We feel that the work these students have done is inspiring and should be recognized," said D'Aquila.

Norman Stark, President of the TFN Economic Committee presented Taylor Baker with the cheque at the event stating, "We believe that an organization like Reach is really important in the community, and we believe that every young person that comes into this world brings in some special gift. We all need to help them realize their potential. We are really pleased to see the work that Taylor has done and we hope the young people will see her as a role model."

The donation will go towards Reach's \$4 million *Building for Children Together* capital project to build a new, community based child development centre in Ladner for children and youth with special needs, including autism. For more information about Reach visit www.reachdevelopment.org or call 604-946-6622 ext. 0

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