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Coastal Community Credit Union RRSP Campaign helps fund worthy causes

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Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Nanoose, February 7, 2006. A van for a seniors' facility, services for the terminally ill and their families, drug abuse prevention literature and support for a breast cancer survivors' dragon boat team – this diverse range of worthy causes will all benefit from Coastal Community Credit Union's (CCCU) 2006 RRSP campaign.

"Every year the staff in each branch chooses a community partner to share in the success of our RRSP campaign," says Dean Rathwell, CCCU's Vice President of Community Investment. "The branch donates \$5 to this charity for each RRSP deposit received before March 1."

Trillium Lodge, a seniors care facility in Parksville, will receive funds raised by CCCU's Wembley Mall Branch. The money raised will help Trillium Lodge buy a van to take residents out to various activities.

The Alberni Highway Branch in Parksville has chosen Oceanside Hospice Society as its 2006 community partner. The Society provides palliative, hospice and bereavement support to terminally ill patients and their families and friends, as well as conducting community outreach and education about death, dying and bereavement.

Children graduating from elementary school will be the primary beneficiaries of funds raised for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) by CCCU's Qualicum Beach branch. DARE is a proactive, cooperative effort between the community, the schools and the police to educate children at the crucial grade 5 and 6 levels. CCCU funds will go towards buying materials, texts, brochures, and other literature that the RCMP uses to prepare children for entry into middle and high school, where they are most likely to encounter pressure to use drugs.

The Nanoose Bay branch will contribute funds raised through the RRSP program to the Abreast of Life Dragon Boat Team, a team of breast cancer survivors.

"We seek partners who share our vision to be leaders in our communities and those who help to improve the lives of others," says Rathwell. "When members invest in their retirement, they are also helping support important services in the Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Nanoose areas."

RRSP contributions for the 2005 tax year can be made with Coastal community Credit Union on or before March 1, 2005.

Coastal Community Credit Union is the largest credit union based on Vancouver Island, serving communities from Victoria to Port Hardy through 20 branches and 19 insurance offices. Passionate about our communities, the Credit Union provides financial, in-kind and other resources to support charity and non-profit groups through its Community Investment program. CCCU is on the web at www.cccu.ca.

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