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Coastal Community Credit Union supports Hospice and Community Counseling Services

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Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Tofino, February 8, 2006. The Alberni Valley Hospice Society and the West Coast Community Resources Society will be the beneficiaries of funds raised by Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU) during this year's RRSP season.

"Every year the staff at 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 we receive."

The Alberni Valley Hospice Society is a non-profit organization that supports terminally ill patients and their families. Trained volunteers go into homes, hospital or care facilities, providing various helpful services such as grocery shopping and running errands, as well as emotional and counseling support. The Society also provides bereavement counseling for those who have recently lost a loved one.

The West Coast Community Resources Society (formerly the Women's Resource Centre) is active in West Coast communities from Hot Springs to Ittatsoo, serving some villages that are only accessible by boat or plane. The Centre offers counseling and outreach programs for women, children and families.

"We seek partners who share our vision to be leaders in our communities and who help improve the lives of others," says Rathwell. "When members invest in their retirement, they are also helping to support vital services throughout the Alberni Valley and the West Coast."

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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