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Slam dunk for deaf and hard of hearing children *Lawyers shoot hoops to help kids with hearing loss learn to speak*

Vancouver, B.C., April 4, 2015 – Students at the Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC got a boost from Vancouver's legal community with a significant donation from The Hooplaw Society. The funds were raised through the law society's annual basketball tournament held on March 21, 2015, which raised a total of \$70,000 for two local non-profit organizations: Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC and Night Hoops.

The Centre is the only school in western Canada that teaches listening and spoken language to children with hearing loss. Through hearing aids and cochlear implants, deaf and hard of hearing children experience the wonders of sound and learn to express themselves fully through spoken language.

"This is a tremendous contribution to our school and our students," said Janet Weil, principal and executive director of the Centre. "Thanks to the generosity of Hooplaw, we were able to hire another speech and language therapist and expand the number of sessions we provide to the children. It will help our students develop skills that will empower them to participate fully in the mainstream hearing world."

Jon Conlin, the President of the Hooplaw Society, said "The Hooplaw 2015 Charity Basketball Tournament was a huge success. We enjoyed partnering with Children's Hearing & Speech Centre and supporting their speech and language program."

Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC (est. 1963) is a family-focused clinical and educational centre that teaches deaf and hard of hearing children to listen and to speak without the use of sign language. Intervention typically begins in infancy, with many children attending mainstream schools by the time they reach kindergarten.

For more information, visit www.childrenshearing.ca.

For more information about the Hoop Law charity basketball tournament, visit www.hooplaw.net

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