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\$3 MILLION HELPS KIDS FIND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

BURNABY – In celebration of International Day of Families, Christy Clark, Minister of Children and Family Development announced a \$3 million BC Adoption and Permanency Trust Fund to assist with adoption awareness and research.

“We are working hard to ensure loving, caring homes for kids in government care who want to be placed in adoptive homes. Over the past two years we have doubled the number of kids placed with adoptive families,” said Clark. “What this means is more children will be going home to stable, loving families who they know will be there for the rest of their lives.”

The fund will be used to provide research into attracting and supporting adoptive families. This includes programs like educational support for adoptive families.

The fund is administered by the Victoria Foundation. The foundation is a charitable not for profit organization that manages funds gifted to them either in perpetuity or for specific purposes, such as the Adoption Permanency Trust Fund. The funds or the earning from them are then distributed for grants for charitable purposes. An advisory committee, including: Cunliffe Barnett, Geord Holland, Helen Hughes, Anne Keay, Helen Mark, Kelly A. MacDonald, Lex Reynolds and Sandra Scarth provides recommendations to the foundation on how to disperse funds from the trust.

“We’re very pleased that this fund will help establish permanent out-of-care families for children in-care and will assist in building stronger families and communities in B.C.”, said Victoria Foundation board member, Kathy Stolle.

For information on adopting a waiting child in BC please call 1 877 ADOPT-07 or visit our website at <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/adoption>. To donate to this fund please contact the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532 or visit their website at <http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca>.

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