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Gordon Food Service Contributes over \$8,000 to two local British Columbia non-profit organizations

Delta, BC: Wednesday March 31, 2010 – Today Gordon Food Service presented a cheque in the amount of \$4,504.66 to the Covenant House Vancouver and a cheque in the amount of \$3,687.00 to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Surrey Memorial Hospital as part of the Gordon Food Service For a Cause Community Support Program and fundraising by Gordon Food Service employees.

“On behalf of the youth we serve, Covenant House Vancouver is grateful for the generous support of the Gordon Food Service For a Cause program. The gift of \$4,504.66 will be used to fund the programs and services that assist the youth in our care. For example this amount is enough to allow our Outreach Workers to make 98 contacts with youth living on the streets of Vancouver – the crucial first step in Covenant House’s Continuum of Care,” said Mark Savard, Development Officer, Community Giving at Covenant House Vancouver.

“The \$3,687.00 raised will go towards the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) towards a new Omnibed incubator. These incubators help a large number of premature babies at Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH). The NICU at SMH will provide both level 2 and level 3 care. Level 3 involves care for the most premature and fragile infants, and SMH will be one of only three facilities in BC providing that high-level care,” said Jennifer Dmytryshyn, Coordinator, Community Projects, Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation.

“We are very proud of the Gordon Food Service For a Cause Community Support Program,” said Joe Lavoie, Director of Marketing, Gordon Food Service. “We invest annually in our communities across British Columbia to help improve lives by building healthy families, creating strong communities and inspiring young Canadians.”

The Gordon Food Service For a Cause Community Support Program has been created to help those in need within our local communities. Since 2002, Gordon Food Service has donated over \$1 million directly to organizations in need, right here at home.

With more than 3,000 customers and 840 staff throughout the province, Gordon Food Service is one of the largest food distribution firms in British Columbia.

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