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**POWER OF KINDNESS:
LIVE AUCTION GALA TO SUPPORT
THE OUT OF THE RAIN YOUTH SHELTER**

VICTORIA – With cold, rainy nights on the way, thoughts turn to Victoria's homeless population. Beacon Community Services staff and partners of the **Out of the Rain Youth Shelter** program are once again gearing up to provide a safe, warm place for Victoria's homeless youth to spend the night. Beacon Community Services took over as lead agency of this vital program in 2006, and has provided a safe haven and warm meals for hundreds of homeless youth since then. Last year, over 200 youth were served by this program, which is funded largely by charitable donations.

Elaine Venables, Beacon's Director of Children's Programs and Counseling Services, tells about a lady at one of the churches who takes it upon herself to bake cookies for the youth on the nights they are in her church. "The kids just love 'the cookie lady' and are always so happy to have those cookies," says Venables, "it's a reminder that these youth are just kids, like our own, who have lost their way for one reason or another. The smallest kindness brightens them. We simply must do whatever small thing we can to see them through their difficult time."

There is something you can do.

Join Beacon Community Services for the Power of Kindness Live Auction Gala Event at Uplands Golf Club on Saturday, October 3rd. The event, sponsored by Coast Capital Savings, Grant Thornton and SeaFirst Insurance Brokers, will be led by local auctioneer Scott Melville and will feature beautiful works of art by local artists and luxurious gift packages donated by local businesses. Enjoy the Uplands Golf Club's fabulous three course meal along with the soothing sounds of local jazz trio 'Nightshade' and the excitement of the live auction. Tickets are \$65 each and all proceeds go directly to the Out of the Rain Youth Shelter.

For tickets to the Power of Kindness event,
Call 250-658-7222 or visit SHOAL Centre at 10030 Resthaven Drive in Sidney

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