



Brooke Forbes

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Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund Newsletter - July 2011

Dear Friends of Brooke,

I'm reporting in on the 6th annual Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund Carport Sale.

It was held on a beautiful Saturday in July and we raised \$732.26, bringing the Fund to just over \$41,000!

The highlight of the day was a visit by Megan, Brooke's oldest. She was in town for a high school reunion. One of Brooke's oldest friends, Barbara Loewi, brought her by. We had a good visit and heard lots of stories about Brooke's granddaughter, Sasha. Megan bought a colourful kid's mirror for Sasha. Coincidentally, it belonged to the granddaughter of another of Brooke's old friends, Fraidie Martz. Brooke would have loved those connections.

In an attempt to carry on Brooke's love of storytelling, here are some snippets from the sale:

- Two women, they looked like sisters, arrived at the sale looking for a very specific thing. They told us they had "put it out in the universe" that they needed a bread maker. Wouldn't you know it. Jack Christie (who is a well-known travel writer and who credits Brooke with giving him his start) had just arrived with his mother's perfectly functioning bread maker! The sale was made. The sisters were delighted and they left saying the universe made it so.
- With the recent debate in the media regarding the extent to which parents should encourage gender identification in their children, we were interested to see a male toddler waddle off wearing a bright shiny necklace. It was his Dad who encouraged the purchase. He said to his son, "Wouldn't that necklace look great with your dress-up clothes."
- An older woman was buying up lots of books and she wasn't a dealer. When we asked what she was going to do with all the books, she replied that they were for the Slave Lake Public Library. She'd heard they were accepting donations and she wanted to help.

The Legacy Fund this year was used to support three First Nations young people who learned how to make radio at the CBC Vancouver during March break. All of them had their stories broadcast and were thrilled to be part of the project. One of them has turned into a freelancer for the CBC!

Have a good summer everyone. We'll be back in touch later in the year.

Cheers,

Joan for Jack, Sheila and the Sid's.