



CARPORT SALE NEWS JUNE 2015

Dear Friends of Brooke and Friends of Friends of Brooke,

The 10th annual Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund Carport Sale was the biggest we've ever had. We put out the challenge to the Vancouver Chapter to make this year's sale special because it was our 10th and the Friends and Friends of Friends responded with tons of donations. Fortunately, it was a sunny day and we were able to use the alley in both directions to put all the items on display, including for the first time this year, a "life-size" lit-up Santa and Snowperson for your front yard during the holiday season. (Both sold early on!)



Several of our regular customers and supporters turned up, starting with Tony who always buys CDs. He was our first customer this year, buying 56 CDs at 8:35 am. We had so many items that several people

came back more than once to complete their purchases. There were individuals who drove hard bargains (At one point, we got a bit of a lecture from a customer who runs a sale for a private school who said that all our prices should be fixed.) and there were others who paid more than the purchase price in order to donate to the Fund.

In keeping with Brooke's love of stories about all things and in particular about everyday life, here's a sampling of what we heard and observed:

- A former employee of the Radio-Canada told us how she used to see Brooke whisk into the Music Library, focused and friendly. She said she didn't know her well but knew she was a nice person.
- An antique store owner (another regular customer) told all assembled that our sale was the best place in town to buy books!
- A local author bought one of his own books plus another book on an obscure part of American history that he is researching for the book he's currently working on.
- Sid donated her sparkly baton and "strutting" costumes and a trophy from her early days and we had no trouble selling them. We wondered why!
- A young man from the West end bought a Play Station 2 console and games. He said he just wanted to play with it "a bit" because he had so much fun with PS2 when he was a kid, which sparked another older man to wonder how that was possible because he was playing with PS2 on a Commodore 64 in the 80s. (Actually PS 2 was put out in 2000. It is the bestselling video game console in history.)

- An older woman took away three boxes of crafts and toys for her four adopted grandchildren. She said the kids are neighbours of her daughter and their parents are struggling to make ends meet. So, since her children are not going to have kids, she's figured out another way to be a grandmother. She told us she usually buys the kids clothes so they will be thrilled that they're getting toys this time.

At the end of the day, **\$892** was raised for the Fund. That brings our total Fund up to \$54,000.

As you know, the funds raised go to supporting minority youth discovering the joy of making radio. To mark, the 10th Anniversary, we put together this photo collage of some of the young people who have taken part in programs we've supported over the years. Our current recipient is the Kaleidoscope Program being offered in Richmond, B.C. Kaleidoscope participants are in the top left photo.



If you'd like to donate to the Fund, you can go to the online giving portal at the link below and your tax receipt will be emailed immediately:

<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=2022&AID=2174>

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Carport Sale a success. We'll be in touch before the end of the year with more details on this year's recipients and news of who will be receiving the funding for 2015/16.

Hope you are all having a wonderful summer.

Cheers,

Joan (Andersen), Syd (Portner), Sid (Sawyer) and Sheila (Peacock)
The Carport Sales Team!