



Media Release

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Wheelchair curling grassroots gains direct benefit from Canucks for Kids and VANOC

Richmond, BC (December 16, 2010) Curl BC is pleased to announce the establishment of the Curl BC Adaptive Outreach Program made possible by proceeds raised during 50/50 draws at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games by the Canucks for Kids Fund organization.

With these funds, Curl BC will promote and deliver a fun introduction to barrier free adaptive curling, particularly for youth, across the province. This program will be designed in consultation with participants, parents and therapists.

In order to develop and implement this ground-breaking program, Curl BC welcomes Elisabeth Walker-Young to our team as a part-time contractor over the next 4 months. Elisabeth brings a wealth of knowledge to Curl BC, with experience working for VANOC as a Paralympic Classification Manager and Paralympics Ontario as a Development Manager. She has also worked in partnership with the Ontario Curling Association to implement wheelchair curling camps. Outside of her professional life, Elisabeth is a 4-time Paralympian, winning a bronze medal in 1996, three gold medals (and world record) in 2000, and bronze and silver medals in 2004. She was recently named Assistant Chef de Mission for Canada's 2012 Paralympic Summer Games team.

About Curl BC

Curl BC is the provincial sport governing body responsible for the development, promotion and organization of curling in British Columbia. Curl BC is also responsible for the championship system that declares provincial representation at National events. In cooperation with its Members, Curl BC provides service to both competitive and recreational curlers, including a variety of adaptive groups.