

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **GARAGE SALE FOR CHARITY**

#### ***QMS Residence Garage Sale Raises Money for Local Group***

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Duncan, BC, Canada** – At the end of each school year, the Queen Margaret's School Residence holds a garage sale to sell unwanted items and clothes in an effort to clean out the boarding facilities, but more importantly, to raise money for a chosen charity. This year, the QMS boarders selected Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Cowichan Valley.

“Many of our boarding students volunteer with this local organization,” explains Celina Mason, QMS Director of Residence. “They love making life-long connections with their Little Buddy and wanted to find a way to give back to the group financially.” With this end in mind, the Residence Assistants (RA) leadership team representing students in Grades 6-12, spearheaded the organization of a garage sale to raise money. After the two-day sale was complete, the total raised came to \$404.32.

“We're thrilled to be receiving this donation,” says Erin Generous, Executive Director of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Cowichan Valley. “It's so positive to see young students wanting to get involved with, and donate back to, local service groups. We enjoy having QMS students participate in the Teen Mentoring Program and we would like to say thank you.”

#### **About Queen Margaret's School**

Established in 1921, **Queen Margaret's School (QMS)** is located on 27 country-like acres in Duncan, BC. QMS offers a co-ed ECE Program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 6), all boys Grade 7/8 Program, University-Preparatory School for girls (Grades 7-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to a small, intensive ESL Program and Canada's *only* on-campus Equestrian Riding Program. The school's comprehensive scholastic and extra-curricular program provide opportunities for achievement and personal growth through academics, sports, visual and performing arts, riding and community service.

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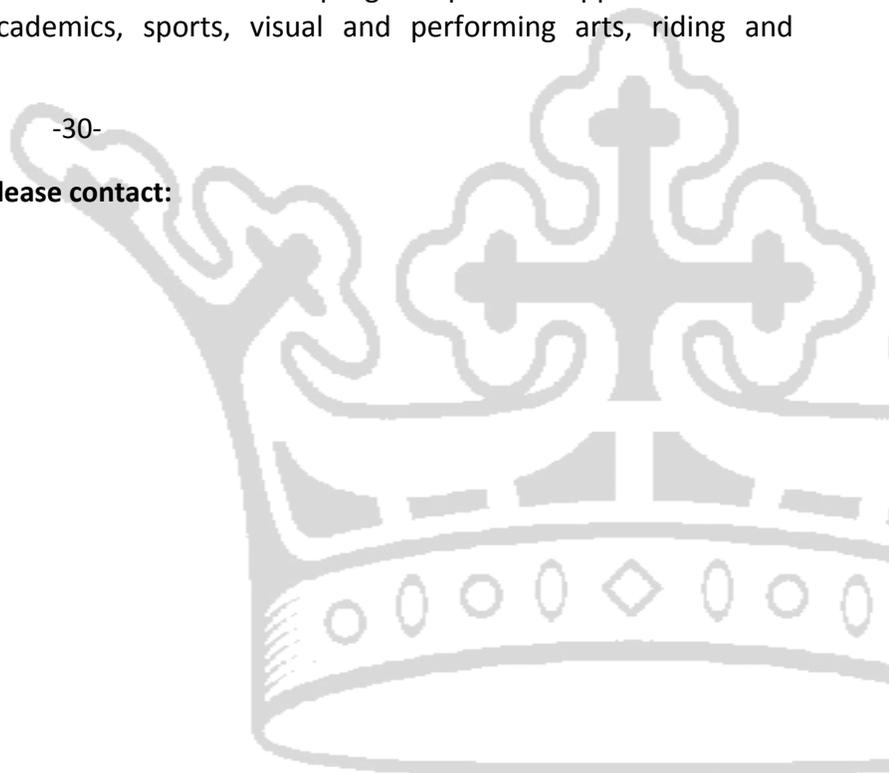
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**Photo:** QMS students Melody Kot and Paulina Echegaray Sorondo were excited to present a cheque in the amount of \$404.32 to Erin Generous of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Cowichan Valley.

