

EVERGREEN LINE DONATES \$100,000 TO THE DELTA CARES HOSPICE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Delta, BC, October 20, 2008 - The Delta Hospice Society Building Fund received more support from the international business community today. A very generous gift of CAN \$100,000 was donated by Evergreen Shipping Agency (America) Corporation. The gift is yet another example of how international companies in Delta feel it is important to support the communities in which they do business.

“It is a universal understanding that people worldwide need a comprehensive program of palliative care services. Evergreen recognizes the value of this service for the community of Delta,” said Delta Hospice Executive Director, Nancy Macey.

Evergreen Line operates one of the largest container fleets in the world, with more than 190 ships and 240 service locations. It offers worldwide ocean shipping and inland transportation services covering more than 80 countries. “It is impressive that once again, we are being supported by the international business community and we feel truly encouraged by their commitment to enhance healthcare in our community. This Delta project is receiving international recognition and we feel that these companies deserve special acknowledgement,” said Macey.

Wesley Brunson, President, Evergreen Shipping Agency (America) Corp., said, “At Evergreen, our management philosophy, created by company founder Dr. Yung-fa Chang, has always been rooted in humility and a deep understanding that business must embrace the responsibility to improve the lives of our employees and society at large. At Evergreen,” he added, “we can think of no better way to live up to our calling than contributing \$100,000 to the Delta Hospice Society to support their important work here. We hope our contribution will help make Delta’s vision for the community’s first Hospice Center a reality.”

Evergreen’s donation to the Delta Cares Capital Campaign is in support of the design and construction of Delta’s first in-patient hospice residence and supportive care centre. Delta is one of the only communities in the Lower Mainland without a dedicated hospice residence to support its residents at the end of life. With an aging population and a rise in the incidence of advanced illness, residents of Delta deserve to access support and treatments that will provide them with comfort and dignity at the end of life. In addition, the supportive care centre will offer the community access to resources, medical and emotional support from the time of diagnosis of a life-threatening illness, at the end of life and afterwards.

The society currently has a \$9 million capital campaign underway to build a freestanding in-patient hospice residence and a supportive care centre for residents of Delta. In one year, the society has commitments of more than \$5 million. The Delta Hospice Society continues to appeal to leaders who live and work in our community and beyond to help them reach a target of \$9 million.

About Delta Hospice Society

Delta Hospice is a non-profit charitable organization and raises its operational funding through donations, service agreements, grants and its Hospice Cottage Thrift Store. The society, nationally accredited, has demonstrated standards of excellence in the areas of board governance, quality and risk management, care delivery, environmental stewardship and organizational sustainability.

As all fundraising and administrative costs are paid for out of the society's operating budget, 100 percent of all donations to the Building Fund go to the capital project. For more information about the Delta Hospice capital project or to make a donation to the Delta Hospice Building Fund, call 604-948-0660 or go to www.deltahospice.org.

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