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**Vancouver Foundation Funds Help Safe OnLine Outreach Society (SOLOS)
Keep Our Kids Safe**

MISSION, B.C. – The Vancouver Foundation contributed \$30,000 to The Safe OnLine Outreach Society (SOLOS) for Organizational Assessment and Train the Trainer Project. The initiative, which is nearing completion, will provide organizations with tools to assess staff knowledge and organizational response to on-line sexual exploitation.

“These types contributions are a generous statement of support and endorsement,” says Merlyn Horton, Project Coordinator for SOLOS, “We are very appreciative of the Vancouver Foundation donation. The tools we are developing provide organizations with a starting point to begin to recognize the risk that young people are at when they are accessing the internet within their organizations. We’re also helping them to develop the ability to integrate technology into current youth-serving practices.”

SOLOS is a charitable non-profit society that is responding to the alarming issue of online sexual exploitation through education and awareness initiatives. Based in British Columbia its expertise and services are sought by individuals and organizations from throughout the world. The SOLO Society is urgently seeking additional funding to continue working on this issue.

Vancouver Foundation is a philanthropic non-governmental community foundation which operates primarily as a permanent collection of endowed funds. Income derived from the investment of the pooled capital of Vancouver Foundation's endowments is distributed to support the activities of charitable organizations across British Columbia.

For more information on SOLOS or to make a donation please call or e-mail: 604 615- 7899 or info@safelineoutreach.org

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